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## Fundies and Bigots Lobby Hard for Military Ban

by Cliff O'Neill

WASHINGTON — Gay and lesbian lobbying groups are struggling to regain their momentum on the issue of gays in the military after supporters of the Pentagon's ban on gays flooded Capitol Hill switchboards with calls in support of the standing policy.

"We want to counter the perception that there is a groundswell of support for the current ban," said Robin Kane, spokesperson for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, "because the right-wing groups did mobilize their supporters in that way and we want to make sure we mobilize ours."

Before the pro-ban calls started coming in en masse on January 24, gay groups had already seen the harbinger of the fight to come in newspaper accounts over the previ-

ous weekend. The omen came in the form of a leaked internal memo from Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell telling President Clinton that if a Senate vote

Force and the Human Rights Campaign Fund had already mobilized their members and supporters to call their senators in efforts to head off a right-wing effort to codify the existing ban into federal law. Such a move would effectively trump Clinton's efforts to repeal the ban, as a federal law would have precedence over an executive action.

"We're encouraging every person to call their senators," said Gregory King of HRCF. "If the lesbian and gay community can match the far right call for call, we can win. But right now the calls in some offices are going 100 to one against us."

HRCF has already sent out over 26,000 of its pre-approved "Speak Out" messages from its supporters nationwide to senators to help bolster support for a repeal on the Hill. The Task Force and

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were to be taken on his pledge to rescind the controversial ban, he could only count on 30 votes.

This impression admittedly a sense of his colleagues' positions and not a headcount, led gay groups to step up their efforts to defend President Clinton's pledge on the Hill.

On January 26, the Task

## Jordan Meets With Gay Leaders

by Dennis Conkin

Representatives of more than 40 lesbian and gay groups held a two-hour meeting with Mayor Frank Jordan on January 26. The group delivered a five-point demand to Jordan on lesbian and gay issues, including input on a replacement for Supervisor Roberta Achtenberg, support against the Boy Scouts of America, and increased funding for AIDS/HIV and youth services.

Jordan made no financial commitments during the

meeting with leaders of lesbian and gay political clubs, youth, AIDS, women's, minority and other activist groups. He did, however, agree to meet with the group on a monthly basis and hold a "town hall" meeting with the lesbian and gay community in March, according to Eileen Hansen, a spokesperson for the Harvey Milk Progressive Democratic Club.

"The reason the meetings are important is that communication has been non-existent and the lesbian, gay, and bi-

sexual community feels misused and abused and — worst of all — ignored by the mayor's office," Hansen told the *Bay Area Reporter*.

At the meeting, activists urged Jordan to hire a lobbyist to secure more federal funding for HIV/AIDS services, as well as to adopt a plan by Supervisor Barbara Kaufman that calls for the creation of a joint HIV task force.

The task force would conduct a needs assessment and review of AIDS services and make funding and service recommendations.

Another item on the agenda concerned Jordan's public posture on the anti-gay Boy Scouts. Activists urged the mayor use his clout as a member of the U.S. Conference of Mayors to educate his colleagues about the anti-gay policies of the BSA and asked Jordan to identify city departments that had relationships with the group and to sever those ties.

Activists working on the Boy Scouts issue, including Forgotten Scouts, have expressed outrage that although the city has nondiscrimination policies, the Registrar of Voters has used Boy Scout volunteers to assist with election duties.

At the meeting, youth activists also called on Jordan to find an additional \$250,000 to fund a lesbian and gay youth center. The increase would cover a shortfall in city funds allocated for such a program. ▼



### A place at the table

Lesbians and gays make themselves visible at the Inauguration Parade. See story inside on page 15. (Photo: Patsy Lynch)



A memorial honoring slain gay sailor Allen Schindler was held January 18 in Washington, D.C. (Photo: Patsy Lynch)

## Schindler Memorial Held in Washington

by Cliff O'Neill

WASHINGTON — For a moment, all the pre-Inaugural hubbub along one stretch of Pennsylvania Avenue grew hushed and all that was heard was one mother's tears.

There, beside the nation's memorial to those in the U.S. Navy who gave their life in service to their country, Dorothy Hajdys told a throng of candle-bearing supporters how her Navy son gave his life for something else. Choked with emotion, she explained how last October, Naval Petty Officer Allen Schindler was beaten to death in a rest room in Japan near the naval base where he was stationed.

The sole reason for his murder, she asserted, was because he had acknowledged being gay.

"I know that my son was a very loving person," she cried

in a cracking voice. "And I fear for anyone that's in the military who is homosexual, that if anybody finds out, that they not be killed too. My reason for doing this is because I don't want any other mother to ever have to go through what I'm going through."

"My son's body could not even be recognized were it not for the tattoos on his arm," she moaned into the freezing air. "I can't understand how anyone could do that to another human being."

Surrounding her on the slate memorial to the country's fallen sailors were several hundred supporters, organized for the January 18 candlelight vigil by members of Washington's Queer Nation. Holding aloft their multi-colored tapers, the group listened to speakers denounce the hatred and fear of homosexuals that they see as prevalent.

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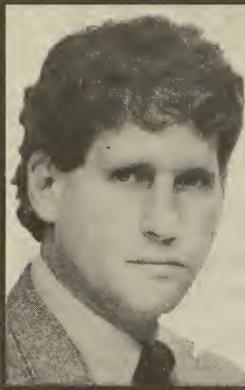
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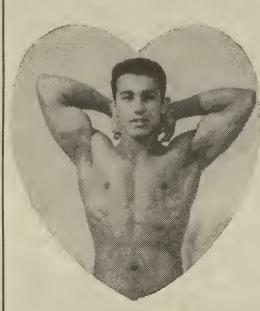
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## Community News

# Jordan Joins U.S. Mayors' Task Forces on AIDS, Homelessness

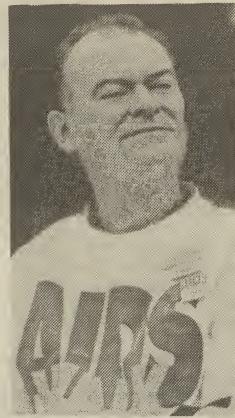
by Dennis Conkin

San Francisco Mayor Frank Jordan was picked on January 19 to serve on the AIDS Task Force and the Homeless Task Force of the United States Conference of Mayors.

Jordan, a former police chief, is already chair of the USCM Public Safety Policy Board.

"AIDS and homelessness are two major problems facing all cities," Jordan said in a statement about the appointments. "It is essential that city leaders and experts come together to share ideas and to work on solving these problems together. By unifying our efforts and by speaking with one voice to our representatives in Washington we will be able to meet these challenges head on."

Jordan said that he has asked the U.S. Conference of Mayors staff to work with him to convene two special meetings in San Francisco between mayors and homeless and AIDS service providers to network and find solutions



Frank Jordan

(Photo: Darlene/PhotoGraphics)

in dealing with these issues.

The USCM met January 17 for a three-day conference to develop a cohesive strategy to present to the Clinton administration on issues the mayors believe were ignored

or neglected by Republican administrations.

According to Staci Walters, Jordan's deputy press secretary, items discussed by the Public Safety and Police Policy Board included increased federal assistance to cities, the impact of drugs and other forms of substance abuse on public safety, homelessness, firearm control and police response time to 911 calls.

"With a change in administration in Washington, the cities we represent have a unique opportunity to reverse the spiral of federal neglect and rising crime and violence in American cities," said Jordan.

Walters told the *Bay Area Reporter* that another major topic of discussion was the implementation of needle-exchange programs.

"The mayor discussed with other mayors and police chiefs that he believes needle exchange programs are extremely effective and that San Francisco would move forward with its own needle-exchange programs," Walters said. ▼

# Migden Calls for Confab To Fight Sheldon's Bigotry

by Dennis Conkin

Approximately 50 Northern California lesbian and gay leaders will meet February 20 at the Old State Office Building in San Francisco, to plan a strategic response to a proposed statewide ballot measure repealing state gay civil rights protections.

The meeting, called by Supervisor Carole Migden, follows last month's announcement by Traditional Values Coalition leader Reverend Lou Sheldon that he intends to place such an initiative before California voters.

Sheldon has said that he will gather petition signatures for a ballot measure that would exempt religious groups from gay rights ordinances and also continue to ban lesbian or gay marriages.

"I believe that we have to

take this threat seriously," Migden said. "It is certainly possible that sufficient signatures could be gathered to qualify an anti-gay initiative for the state ballot. While I believe that we could defeat this measure, I do not take it for granted that it would be easy."

The meeting will include leaders and representatives from lesbian and gay political clubs around the Bay Area, as well as representatives from the Life Lobby and the Non Partisan Alliance, current and former elected officials including former Santa Cruz Mayor John Baird and former San Mateo County Supervisor Tom Nolan.

Legislative aides representing state Assembly and Senate members, and representatives of activists groups such as Queer Nation will also at-

tend the planning meeting.

Kim Hanadel, a legislative staffer from the office of Senator Milton Marks told the *B.A.R.* it was essential for California lesbians and gays to take the proposed ballot measure seriously.

"I don't know what happened in Colorado with Amendment 2, but we have to make sure our civil rights are protected," Hanadel told the *Bay Area Reporter*. "We can't let the fundamentalists take them away. We have to act now."

Migden said that she plans to contact Southern California lesbian and gay leaders following the meeting. For more information about the meeting, contact Dana Van Gorder at (415) 554-4033. ▼

# AIDS Nightline Needs Volunteers

by Dennis Conkin

San Francisco Suicide Prevention is seeking volunteers to staff its AIDS/HIV Nightline, the only program in the country that provides telephone emotional support to people with HIV disease and AIDS.

"Although we primarily serve San Francisco and the Bay Area, we've received calls from all over the world and even from foreign countries from time to time, from people who have no other people to talk to about their concerns," Ralph Shanabru, a spokesman for the program, told the *Bay Area Reporter*.

Night is often a difficult time for people dealing with HIV concerns, Shanabru said, because it is when many people find themselves trying to cope with situations they don't feel comfortable sharing with others.

"Sometimes our callers have little family, or their friends have withdrawn, or it may be that what they want to talk about is difficult for them to discuss. Articulating feelings can be very difficult, but it's just so important to get them out, and other people may feel too threatened or deny or not really understand," Shanabru said.

For some people with

AIDS and HIV, the support line is their primary emotional support resource, he said.

"It means that there is concern, and caring, and someone who will try to understand what a person is going through," Shanabru said.

Volunteers for the support phone line receive 40 hours of training, from classroom study to role-playing, and are supervised by professional staff.

For more information about the Nightline, or to volunteer for training, contact San Francisco Suicide Prevention at (415) 752-4866. ▼

# First Gay Lutheran Installed

by Jerry Metzker

On Saturday, January 23, in the presence of his parents, many of his relatives, partner, and friends, Reverend Jeff R. Johnson was installed as pastor of First United Lutheran Church in San Francisco. The small church overflowed with supporters in defiance of a policy by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), of prohibiting the "ordained ministry of practicing homosexual persons." The ELCA is the largest body of Lutherans in the country.

"This is a day of great joy for us," began lesbian minister Phyllis Zillhart in her sermon. "Today we mark another step in the march to freedom and justice by celebrating what is already commonplace in this place — the full acceptance of a gay pastor."

Three years earlier — almost to the day — the congregations of First United Lutheran and St. Francis Lutheran churches called and ordained Johnson, Zillhart, and Zillhart's partner Ruth Frost as assistant pastors, all "practicing homosexual persons."

Not long after, the churches were put on ecclesiastical trial for the infraction and subsequently suspended from the ELCA until the end of 1995. Unless the discriminatory policy of the church is changed by then, both congregations will be expelled.

St. Francis is located in the Castro District and ministers to a large gay and lesbian congregation; First United is located in the Richmond District. A small but diverse and unified membership of 60 Christians — black, white, Asian, handicapped, married, single, and primarily straight — unanimously voted to call Johnson as their pastor at a special meeting held on November 15, 1992.

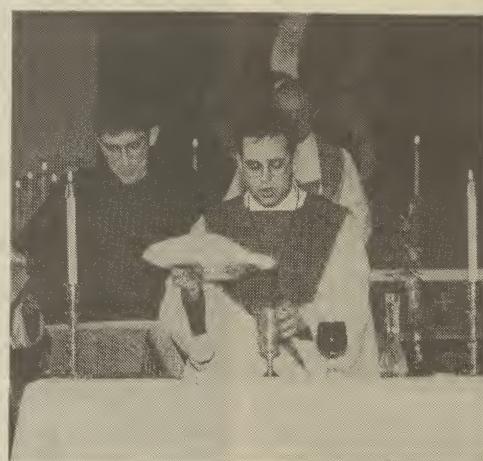
As Zillhart said in her sermon, "Jeff was selected as this congregation's pastor, not because he was gay, not in spite of the fact that he is openly gay, but simply because after prayer and consideration, Jeff was deemed to be the most suitable pastor to accompany this people on their gospel journey at this time. To which we here gather to say Amen."

Reverend David Rohrer of Christ Church Lutheran in San Francisco officiated the service and was supported by a large group of Bay Area Lutheran pastors and the Reverend Janie Spahr, whose own Presbyterian Church cancelled her call as co-pastor of Downtown United Presbyterian Church in Rochester, New York, only last October because she is a lesbian.

Quoting President Clinton's question, "Can we make change our friend and not our enemy?" and Maya Angelou's Inaugural poem that places "gay, straight, preacher" together, Zillhart concluded her sermon in praise of First United's "authentic mission" in this era of change.

"May we all be challenged to take the next step in the struggle for justice-grounded love," she urged.

Thus far neither the ELCA nor local Bishop Lyle G. Miller have taken action or even acknowledged this



The Reverend Jeff Johnson

(Photo: Judi Parks)

subversive act, but Reverend Johnson accepted his calling and installation by officiating in this historic occasion for

joining in "the dramatic beginning of our new ministry here at First United." ▼

# Workshop on Gay Workplace Issues

by Dennis Conkin

Gay and Lesbian Issues in the Workplace will be the subject of a six-week evening class beginning on February 2 at San Francisco City College.

The class is co-sponsored by the Lesbian and Gay Studies and Labor Studies Departments of City College, according to Patti Roberts, an attorney who will teach the class.

Guest speakers include Larry Brinkin of the Human Rights Commission and George Kronenberger of the Pacific Gas and Electric Employees Association.

Among the topics presented in the series are the San Francisco Human Rights Ordinance, domestic partners, discrimination on the job related to sexual orientation such as harassment, and coming out issues.

"Work is important to most of us and most of us work," Roberts told the Bay Area Reporter. "And it's im-

portant that we know our rights," she said.

The workplace is a major area, Roberts said, where many heterosexual people have their only contact with lesbians and gays and an area where the community has the potential for "incredible impact" politically.

"It's one of the places where the lesbian and gay community comes into contact with the rest of the world, where we can really affect people in major ways."

Roberts said that the classes will deal with common on-the-job problems that lesbians and gays may face in the corporate environment.

One aspect of the class will concern organizing lesbian and gay employees associations.

For more information about the class, contact the City College Labor Studies Department at 267-6550. The fee for the six-week class is \$10. ▼

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# How To Steal a Million From Denver, Colorado

by Eric Payne

Stapleton International Airport, in Denver, Colorado, serves as a transfer point — a "hub" — for Continental Air and United Air, two domestic airlines that also serve San Francisco and San Jose International Airports. That is of interest specifically to passengers taking a west-east air route, such as those heading to the upcoming lesbian, gay, and bisexual March on Washington.

Every day seven United flights and nine Continental flights leave SFO for Stapleton; San Jose International is the origin point for an additional five United and four Continental flights.

Most travelers are unaware, however, that a \$3 per-person, per-ticket PFC (Passenger Facility Charge) is hidden in the price of the airlines' tickets. Most airports in metropolitan areas assess such charges for travelers who are "deplaning" in their facility. When flying either

Continental or United, and when connecting to any flight through Denver, that money is given directly to Stapleton International Airport for upkeep, maintenance, and general operating costs of the facility.

"We're seeing record traffic," Richard Boulware, deputy director of public affairs for aviation at Stapleton, told the *Bay Area Reporter*. "This has been the busiest holiday season in ten years, at least."

Stapleton has been serving between 50,000 and 65,000 passengers per day, each of whom has had a \$3 assessment charge automatically added to their ticket price. Of those travelers, according to Boulware, Continental passengers account for 30 percent and United for 38 percent. Fifteen percent of those flights had points of origin or destination within the Bay Area.

Bottom line: Bay Area travelers are providing Stapleton International Airport

with approximately \$15,300 to \$19,890 per day in PFC charges; if those Northern California-Denver flights were eliminated, it could potentially reduce the Colorado airport's revenue by \$1 million or more.

Telephone calls from the B.A.R. to United Airlines corporate headquarters in Chicago and Continental Airlines in Dallas to verify Stapleton's figures were not returned.

"The media here have been calling the boycott a 'bust,'" Boulware said. "We're having record traffic ... and you can't get a hotel room in Aspen." However, he admitted, his information on that was "second hand."

Chuck Cannon, senior public affairs officer for Stapleton, told the B.A.R., "It's difficult, when you see terminals swarming with people, to believe there's a boycott going on."

"Late on, when some of these conventions that have said they're going to boycott do boycott, we might see a fall-off, but right now our numbers are up."

"Through October '92, we are up for the year [in passenger traffic] about 10 percent over the same period in 1991, when we were the sixth-busiest



Travelers leave San Francisco International Airport en route to Denver.  
(Photo: Rick Gerhardt)

busiest airport in the country and served over 28.3 million people."

Another airport source, however, who stated, "I am not a quotable source," said, "I don't know that we've seen much of an impact so far, but there is a concern about the boycott."

Passengers who find, for

whatever reason, that travel on either Continental or United cannot be avoided may simply ask a travel agent or a ticket agent to reroute their flight to an alternative connecting flight at a different "hub."

United's second hub for California-DC flights is St. Louis, Missouri; Continental's is Dallas, Texas. ▀

## Bill Would Forbid Official State Travel to Colorado

by Dennis Conkin

A resolution has been introduced to the legislature by California Assemblyman Richard D. Polanca (D-Los Angeles) that would forbid state employees from traveling to Colorado on public business.

The measure, Assembly Concurrent Resolution 4, is expected to be heard by the Assembly Rules Committee by the first week of February, according to Polanca's aide Chris Flammer.

The measure, which does not have the force of law, seeks to have the travel ban adopted until Amendment 2, the anti-gay amendment to the Colorado constitution, is repealed.

"Laws that deprive any individual of civil rights must never go unchallenged," Polanca said.

The resolution notes that several major U.S. cities have already adopted similar travel bans and says that the anti-gay Colorado measure "increases the likelihood of hate crimes and violent acts against individuals based on their sexual orientation."

The resolution also points out that the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibits the kinds of anti-gay discrimination measures adopted in Colorado.

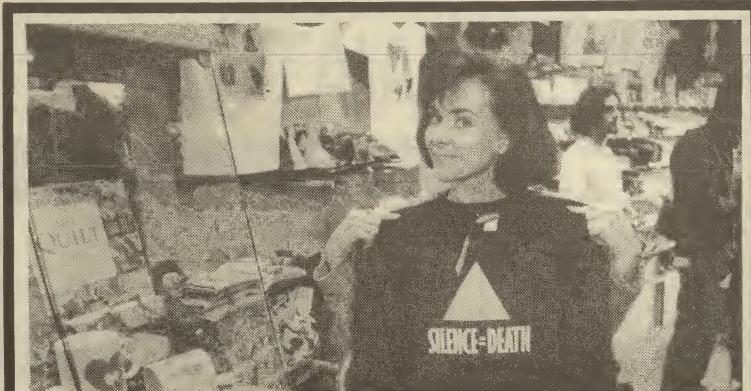
Flammer told the *Bay Area Reporter* he is prepared for "verbal pyrotechnics" from a small group of Republican Assembly members who

are opposed to the idea of a Colorado ban, but believes there is support in the Assembly for the measure.

"We hope that the Rules Committee does not send it to the policy committee but puts it to the Assembly floor. We think we will have the votes and there is growing grassroots support," Flammer said.

After passage in the Assembly, the bill would go to the Senate Rules Committee and then, if not passed to committee, to the Senate floor for a vote.

"It will generate a tremendous amount of education on the issue, and having the California State Legislature on record about the issue is a strong message," Flammer said. ▀



Modern Miss America

Miss America 1993 Leanza Cornett models a sweatshirt while visiting Under One Roof and the Names Project January 25. Cornett — who refuses to wear her crown because, she says, people won't take her seriously with it on her head — also is an outspoken AIDS activist.

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# The Mystery of the Missing Police Files

by Dennis Conkin

San Francisco Chief of Police Tony Ribera took steps this week to assure the lesbian and gay community that no police intelligence files are being kept on activist groups such as ACT UP or Queer Nation.

"To the best of my knowledge, no such files are in the Police Department today," Ribera told the *Bay Area Reporter*. "To ensure that this is the case, I have asked the City Controller Ed Harrington to send in an audit team. The only records in our possession were secured by the execution of search warrants."

Ribera made the disclosure at Mayor Jordan's weekly press briefing on January 25.

Ribera's comments follow charges that a former San Francisco police inspector sold police intelligence files to foreign government political intelligence operatives, including Israeli, Irish, and South African agents.

The officer implicated in the incident, former San Francisco Police Inspector Tom Gerard, apparently fled to the Philippines last November and, according to news reports, is outside the reach of local investigators and the FBI.

Ribera said that no other San Francisco police officer was involved in the incident, a claim questioned by American Civil Liberties Union attorney John Crew.

Gerard told the *San Francisco Examiner* that other police intelligence officers took materials home with them and he admits to sharing information with police informants in explicit violation of the policies and guidelines," Crew said.

Crew said that other officers in the defunct unit should also be the subject of "an immediate investigation" to determine what they did with records they took from the department and with whom they shared the information.

Crew said that the incident was "the tip of the iceberg" and said that the San Francisco Police Department has had a practice of gathering such intelligence for more than 60 years — and that every police chief has said the practice has been stopped but that policies to prevent the surveillance have "been gathering dust" and are not enforced.

He also said that gay and lesbian groups, including the Alice B. Toklas Lesbian and Gay Democratic Club during its radical hey-day, had been the subject of such surveillance.

The Police intelligence division was ordered abolished following the adoption of 1990 guidelines, developed in consultation with the American Civil Liberties Union and activist groups that revealed San Francisco police had conducted massive surveillance of political groups at the Democratic National Convention.



Jean-Paul Samaha  
(Photo: Jane Philomen Cleland)

tion in 1984.

The guidelines bar individual officers from independently gathering political intelligence on activists, prohibits undercover police from attending meetings of activist groups, and bans investigations of political groups unless their activities are expected to cause death, bodily injury, or serious property destruction.

Under those guidelines, police intelligence files on activist groups were to be destroyed after individuals were notified they had been the subject of such surveillance and an annual audit conducted by the Police Commission to ensure the enforcement of the regulations.

The police intelligence records — an estimated 30 feet of files, according to Crew — of the DNC-related surveillance were to be opened for access but have not yet been returned to the Police Department by the City Attorney's office, Crew told the *Bay Area Reporter*.

A spokesperson for ACT UP/San Francisco told the *B.A.R.* that although the group hadn't discussed the issue in recent meetings, the group has always been concerned that it might be monitored by police and asked at every meeting that police — and news media representatives — identify themselves.

"If the Anti-Defamation League had files, who else had files and how did they end up in the hands of the ADL?" wonders gay Arab-American activist Jean-Paul Samaha.

"My name could be in those files since I am gay, Arab-American, and a political activist. I would be a prime target," he said. "Everyone in the lesbian and gay community should be concerned about this. If one group is a target, others could be."

Samaha told the *Bay Area Reporter* that Supervisor Terence Hallinan — for whom he works — will hold hearings on the issue at the San Francisco Board of Supervisors Health and Public Safety committee meeting. ▼

# Jordan Keeps '20 Percent' Commissioner Commitment

by Dennis Conkin

Two lesbians were among the nine new city commissioners appointed this week by Mayor Frank Jordan.

Jordan appointed Jeanette Lazam to the Human Rights Commission as a replacement for Franco Consolacion, whose term had expired. Melinda Paras was appointed as a health commissioner, to replace Dr. Pat Underwood, a lesbian commissioner appointed by Art Agnos. Underwood's term also expired this month.

"I am both honored and privileged to serve Mayor Jordan," Lazam said. A Filipina, Lazam spoke of her concern for human rights for Filipinos and "for human, civil, and democratic rights" for all people, including "the gay, lesbian and bisexual community."

Paras, who will become a health commissioner at the end of February, acknowledged the work of the Health Commission is critical in ensuring access to health services for all San Franciscans, and spoke of her experience as a person with Chronic Fatigue Immune Dysfunction

Syndrome and lauded the Health Commission's advocacy for women's health needs and for lesbian and gay and AIDS health care needs.

Paras, former coordinator of the Community United Against Violence speaker's bureau, is deputy executive director of Shanti Project. Lazam is an assistant to the program director of Shanti Project. She is a former legal assistant for the National Center for Lesbian Rights.

With the appointments of Lazam and Paras, Jordan has appointed 21 people as members of city commissions and councils since he was elected mayor.

Jordan campaigned for election in the lesbian and gay community on a promise that 20 percent of all appointments to city commissions would be of lesbian and gay men. Acknowledging that Jordan has been the subject of criticism because only 13 percent of his commission appointments have been lesbian and gay, Deputy Press Secretary Staci Walters told the *Bay Area Reporter* that Jordan has three more years in office and that he remains committed to diversity and

equal representation in his appointments — and will fulfill the 20 percent promise.

"The mayor has made a significant number of appointments of lesbians and gays to commissions and he will continue to do so as vacancies come up. Please keep in mind that he hasn't made all of his appointments yet," Walters said.

If fulfilled, the 20 percent promise (which does not include appointments to advisory councils or task forces) will surpass the number of lesbians and gays appointed as commissioners by any mayor in San Francisco's history.

Jordan's lesbian and gay commission appointments to date include James Rogers of the Commission on Aging, Alonzo King of the Arts commission, Debra Chasnof and Nick Roomel of the Film and Video Arts Commission, Juanita Owens of the Board of Permit Appeals, David Detrich of the Police Commission, and Barbara Cameron, Louette Columbano, Rosa Rivera and Patricia Chang of the Commission on the Status of Women. ▼

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## Editorial

### What was the world like 50 years ago, Daddy?

On January 20, 1942, Nazi Germany instituted a week-long deportation program of 2,000 Jews from Terezin to Auschwitz. Of those, 1,760 were gassed immediately upon arrival.

It is too easy for those of us leading our latter 20th century lives to look back on those events as aberrations, and to believe we have somehow come too far to return to those dark days. Unfortunately, as a species, humans may never evolve to where we can be sure of that. The wholesale rape of random women and children in Bosnia; the "ethnic cleansing" of Croatia; the induced starvation in Somalia; the current unrest in Germany; the *intifada*; the precarious state of the world's economy: those are a few of the reasons why armies exist, and despite our best hopes and intentions, it is doubtful any of us reading these words will ever come to live on a planet without a military presence.

Which brings up the question we hear asked a lot recently, by gays and straights: why would lesbians and gays want to join the military in the first place?

First of all, and like it or not, the military provides poor American kids with their easiest (legal) route out of the ghetto. The right to escape poverty by taking advantage of the Army's programs and education should not be the exclusive province of heterosexual teens. To be economically disadvantaged in America is a nightmare; to be informed you have no access to the best chance to get out of that trap — because you're queer — is unspeakably depressing.

Secondly, we are somewhat like the child who announced, "I wish I had enough money to buy an elephant," only to explain later that the elephant itself wasn't the desired object — the money was the point. In other words, most of us aren't desperate to join, but we are anxious to rip all those slamming doors right off the hinges.

And then there's something else: the soldiers who liberated the Nazi death factories of Dachau and Buchenwald were American blacks who were able, against all odds, to make the world a better place, ease suffering, and be role-models to younger blacks — and non-blacks. The emaciated and nearly hopeless camp inmates didn't care about the color of their saviors' skins, or that there was a controversy about whether they "belonged" in uniform, any more than starving Somalis now care what their uniform-clad providers do in the privacy of their bedrooms. Regrettably, there may well be more Dachaus in the next 50 years. If the United States, self-professed Police of the World, denies the use of our lesbian and gay heroes to those who need them it will have proved that it doesn't give a shit about freedom at all. And if that is so, we agree with the banner we spotted at a recent rally: "Ban the Military and Spend the Money on AIDS."

### And Finally...

Or course, a better question is this: If our big, butch Marines are reduced to blubbering children by the notion of having their pee-pees looked at in a shower, are they really strong enough to defend the country from a real threat?

We wonder... ▼

## Guest Opinion

### Eliminate Bad Habits — And Start with Blame

By David Vachon

It is hidden deep inside of us. We cannot see it, but we know it is there, slowly eating away at our immune system, our self-confidence, our health. It is not a virus, nor a bacteria — in fact, it is not a germ at all. It is more like what some scientists and doctors call a co-factor. Its name is blame.

Blame serves a very important function on an individual and societal level: when things "happen" to us, it is always someone or something else's fault; it shifts the attention from a possible internal problem to an ephemeral outside solution.

On an individual level, it keeps us from taking responsibility for our life. If we go out one night and overindulge in sugar, alcohol, or cigarettes, stay up late and wake up the next morning with a sore throat, a stuffed nose, a slight fever, and feeling lousy, we blame it on the flu virus. We have even very conveniently defined a "flu season," which always seems to start from the month of November and lasts until March or April, i.e., from the Thanksgiving binge, through the Christmas and New Year food orgies, all the way to the final Easter dietary onslaught. Along with various stressors always associated with holidays, we probably "eat" a cold more than we "catch" a cold!

On a societal level, it has been abundantly used by the establishment to create the myth of the patient as a "victim" of forces outside

and beyond him or her, thereby reinforcing the status quo that dictates that health can only come from the white lab-coat experts and their cohort pharmaceutical and political allies.

Contrary to what conventional medicine claims in its efforts to discredit alternative therapies, holistic practitioners do not unfairly ask their patients to take responsibility for all of their physical or mental woes. Firstly they help their clients in identifying which stressors (drugs, dietary habits, emotions, addictions, etc.) have lowered their immune defenses and left them defenseless against diseases. But then, and even more importantly, they help their clients in understanding why they created these patterns, this imbalance in their life in the first place! The function of a disease, a psychological disorder, or an addiction has often been found to perform a role of emotional protection and fulfillment. This need for emotional security could have emerged out of past experiences of abuse, abandonment, or unconscious encouragement on the part of earlier caretakers. A child who only got his mother's attention when he got sick could very well subconsciously use the same strategy as an adult to get the attention or sympathy of loved ones.

A series of nine weekly self-empowerment classes has been established in San Francisco and Sacramento for people living with a deficient immune system, starting Monday, February 1. Information can be obtained by calling (510) 841-4739 for details. ▼

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## Letters

### End Conformity

The backlash against queer activists and activism which marked much of the later part of last year and now threatens to drag its flatulent snideness into the present one, is terribly dangerous to all of us and therefore, must not go unchecked and unexamined by both those who perpetrate it and those who are forced to respond to it. It is violent, it is mystifying, it is invalidating and it is cynical.

If you are comfortable and happy with the way things are you can be sure you too are complicit in the backlash. The appropriate response to the present social context of oppression, hatred, discrimination, violence, AIDS, sexism and heterosexism is outrage, not swathing your shoulders with sweaters for a casual *tete-a-tete* at the Midnight Sun. However, the backlash has destroyed any sense of urgency in the struggle to end our silence and invisibility and has replaced our anger and passion with the image of the affable homosexual. Ugliness may be a questionable virtue, but courage and honesty are not.

Queer activists are not above criticism, but nor are they below your support. The reaction to queers as reflected in our papers is invariably lifeless and snotty, overly rational to the point of being completely cut off, and no matter how liberal sounding — deathly conservative; more like a response one would expect to hear from those "adults" who, despising the vitality of their own children, teach them "a lesson or two" with a cruel and murderous indifference to put them in their place.

Well, queer people (who, by the way, represent a wide range of ages) are not your children — not intellectually, not spiritually, and not politically. Your respectability is not respectable. Indeed, it is this very conformity to oppression that we need collectively to fight and end.

Ande Welthorpe  
San Francisco

### Embrace "Queer"

There are several people in our fair(y) land who seem to have quarrel with the word "Queer". I understand their quandry. I once had qualms with the word as well. Years ago, I would walk through the notorious gay quadrants of my hometown in the state of Tennessee and some uneducated person would shout "queer!" I would feel the intended insult and I would quake at the thought of the "Q" label being attached to me. Since the advent of the Stonewall Riots, many homosexuals have made a quest to forestall the use of the word.

But lately, something wonderful has happened. Several people in the gay community on a quest to end the *hate attached to the word* took control of the word; they decided to embrace the word. By doing so, they quelled yet another weapon from the homophobic's arsenal of hate.

Those who oppose the use of the "Q" word, or find it degrading have only to remember that those who are offended by it are providing the hate-filled portion of the heterosexism community with a tool for taunting. Learn to love the word and the tools of hate are quashed.

I have now embraced the word "Queer" as self descriptive. The effects have been surprising. Just last week I gaily strolled down the street on my way to meet a fellow quidnunc when some unintelligent people quipped, and I quote: "Look at that Queer!" I spun around, put on a quaint smile, and queried: "How did you guess?" There was a quick look of quandry on their faces as I admitted loudly and proudly that I was qualifiable as a "queer." They didn't know how to behave. They wanted to insult me and it didn't work.

Whether I am referred to as a queen, homo, faggot or queer (or even gay) I respond. All these words mean that I enjoy quality same sex relationships. Call me what you want. Being queer is not a quirk. I hope we can stop quibbling over labels and start attacking the real problem, those who attempt (and succeed) at bashing physically. Sticks and stones.

David "The Quality Queer" Garner  
San Francisco

### "Queer" Causes Pain

At age 45, I am unlikely to change my emotional reaction to the word "queer." It brings up in me all of the pain and self-deprecation I felt when the word was used to describe me in my youth and beyond.

Having overcome that and then enjoying and appreciating myself as a normal person, albeit homosexual or "gay," I am not interested in celebrating being a "queer." Queer is "odd," "weird," "strange," "deranged," even "effeminate." I don't think of myself in those ways anymore, and I think it foolish to give ammunition to those who hate us for how different we may be.

All of the philosophical arguments about "throwing it in their face" are OK for activists and strategists, and they are welcome to argue its potential merit to the cause of freedom. I don't like the word "queer." It doesn't make me feel good, and I don't think it should be the theme for the parade.

Mark Stephens  
San Francisco

### Time For Change

After 12 years of trickle-down economics, our country is more divided and more broke than ever. Bill Clinton's election represents great changes for the future and a rejection of past policies.

The politics of the past dictated that we as a nation spend \$100 billion a year on this no-win, divisive drug war against our own people. The *San Francisco Chronicle* reported that Bob Martinez estimates the public spends \$100 billion a year on illegal drugs. Add those two figures and you get \$200 billion every year — half spent on prisons and division — half shipped to Columbia, supplying money and arms to terrorist organizations.

Think about it: a \$200 billion annual infusion into the U.S. economy — \$100 billion transferred into treatment and rehabilitation, creating jobs and hope — \$100 billion freed to spend on goods and services. Think about a society no longer at war with itself.

Economics aside, we are morally bankrupting this country. I hear people speak about drug users as if they were not humans, but animals to be caged and isolated. These people are *not* animals, they're our children, our sisters and our brothers in need of help. Our answer has been to punish these people, not help them. Isn't their own misery punishment enough?? Isn't it time we seek a more just and compassionate society? Isn't this the time for change?

Dennis Peron  
San Francisco

### Minority Opinion on Queers in Military

Across the country, queers are waiting with baited breath for President Clinton to lift the ban on homosexuals in the military. Whoopie! Soon baby dykes and fags will have the legal right to join the ranks of the patriarchy and implement its millennium-old objectives of subjugation, control, oppression, tyranny, persecution, intimidation and death ... to name a few. Enlist in the army, travel to beautiful countries, meet interesting people ... and shoot them. Blowing another man's brains out is perfectly acceptable; but get caught fucking while in uniform and get thrown into the brig.

Oddly enough, I find no great joy whatsoever in this political development. While I support the right of choice, it depresses me that any sentient, bonafide queer would embrace such an option. While most consider it some great step forward for gay rights, I regard it as a defeat for humanity. Everytime any young person — queer or straight — opts for a military career, the forfeiture of individuality and the ensuing instruction in violence is a loss to the community, the human race, to Mother Earth; She loathes the military only a little more than I do.

In nature societies where the feminine aspect of the Godhead was duly honored, fags, dykes, cross-dressers, hermaphrodites — queer people — were often venerated as a breed apart. In many cultures we were recognized at an early age, encouraged and trained to be the healers, priests, shamans,巫医; honored intermediaries to the gods. It was believed that our innate balance of the male and female blessed us with an understanding of the things of the spirit, made us natural conduits between the inner and outer worlds.

I believe this inherent spiritual propensity is a great gift. It's no coincidence that in the Western world, a disproportionate number of queers gravitate to the creative arts, to religious vocations, to convents, hospitals, social services, to jobs nurturing the spirit. I believe that as individual gays and lesbians, as a powerful global community united by our secret longings, our deep oppression, by our collective vision of how things might be, it's our legacy, our mission to be instruments of peace, love, light and life in this world, not agents of death and destruction.

Bill Strubbe  
Boston, Mass.

### She Says YES to Homosexuals

I felt honored on Friday, Jan. 8, in joining with almost 100 citizens of San Francisco to protest the arrival of Operation Rescue supporters and fundamentalist lunatics and their demonstration on the thrilling theme: "Just Say NO to Homosexuals!" The rally in front of City Hall enabled several gay and lesbian citizens to speak eloquently on extending fair and equal rights to gay and lesbian people in the armed forces. All Americans of whatever sexual orientation should be permitted to serve and to pursue military careers without harassment by bigots and religious fanatics.

I have been active for a decade in the peace movement on the Peninsula; I moved to San Francisco two years ago. At this rally, I was especially moved by the brief, impassioned speech of a middle-aged, energetic woman who told us she is an artist and a peace activist. She works with the homeless sick and poor in the Tenderloin and wants tax monies spent on health care and housing, not on bombs and wars. When she concluded her talk with this parting shot at the bloated U.S. military budget: "I hope that at some point soon, hundreds of thousands of little Americans will assault the Pentagon and tear it to pieces!" We all cheered.

The religious folks of the far right never showed up.

Mrs. Constance E. Kuruppu  
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In addition to the Queer Nation actions, thousands of individuals across the United States have purchased single shares of Cracker Barrel Old Country Store, Inc. and had the certificates sent to them. The goal of this action is to increase the number of single share owners so they will be a burden to the corporation, a significant cost to maintain, a constant reminder that discrimination is wrong and there are tens of thousands of people who are willing to give management the message in this way.

Since the "Buy One" campaign started, over 2000 people have responded. The numbers are not great enough to be a major concern and it is time to step up the pressure. Gays, lesbians and friends are urged to buy a share of the Barrel. Let us get the message across to business: discrimination based on sexual orientation will not be condoned. There are more than enough members and friends of the gay and lesbian community to make the largest company be concerned that this type of action can be a possibility. This is an opportunity to get the point across.

Join the action, get a piece of the Barrel! For information how to buy a share, you can mail a SASE to Carl Owens, P.O. Box 8233, Atlanta, GA 30306, or call (404) 522-8020.

Carl Owens  
Atlanta, GA

### Where There's Smoke

A recent letter from Andrew Towne suggests that auto exhaust is more harmful than secondhand smoke. Unfortunately, the facts do not support his claim.

In fact, studies conducted by the Environmental Protection Agency itself confirms that the air quality in the typical workplace with only a few smokers far exceeds EPA standards for outdoor air quality. Los Angeles at its smoggiest is safer than the average workplace.

Moreover, the EPA last week classified secondhand smoke as a Class A Carcinogen—one of only 15 toxins known conclusively to cause cancer in humans for which there is no safe level of exposure!

Of course, the tobacco industry would have us believe that this evidence is all a conspiracy hatched by militant, anti-smoker prohibitionists. It's a plot developed over decades, since chain-smoking Surgeon General Luther Terry's first report on smoking in 1964. Although there's no profit in it, these radicals have infiltrated every level of government and virtually the entire media establishment. They've subverted the entire medical community and have gotten every scientist and physician (except those saints on the tobacco industry's payroll) to lie and report that both smoking and secondhand smoke are deadly. Fortunately, the tobacco industry's own scientists are the only ones willing to report the truth.

It's a theory worthy of Oliver Stone. But isn't it easier to believe that the tobacco industry, with billions of dollars at stake, is the real liar here?

Kevin C. Boebel  
Oakland, CA

### Names Project Fundraiser

The Original Rainbow Dessert Café in conjunction with Double Rainbow Gourmet Ice Creams, Inc., and The Names Project Foundation would like you to participate in a new concept in giving to The Names Project.

This new concept in giving is the brainchild of Brian Chun-Hoon, the owner and manager of The Original Rainbow located at 407 Castro St., San Francisco.

The significance of this project is that donations be made giving unwanted and uncollectable foreign coins, preferably Canadian coins. Donations can be made during business hours at The Original Double Rainbow on Castro St. A list of donors will be compiled by either donor name or anonymously.

Volunteers from The Original Double Rainbow will sort and account for the donated foreign coins. The coins will be shipped periodically to a prearranged foreign coin clearinghouse which will convert the coins into U.S. currency, which will be donated to The Names Project.

In summary, the novelty behind this concept in giving is that truly "junk" can be converted into "gold" and ultimately, a deserving and progressive organization such as The Names Project can benefit from this novelty.

I have been a retailer for 10 years and at any given time I have had at least \$8 in Canadian coins laying around in my desk drawer. Collectively, we all can make a significant contribution to a most worthwhile cause.

Brian Chun-Hoon, Steve Van Landingham  
and Michael Sachar  
San Francisco

### Straights Need Not Apply

Perhaps the following "classified ad" should be placed in some Colorado papers so the heterosexual community can get a taste of their own medicine:

**WANTED** — 50 people to be hired for positions ranging from upper management to secretarial. Excellent pay and medical benefits. Average salaries range in the 35K annually. Only gays and lesbians need apply. Heterosexuals will be summarily rejected. All applicants are strongly urged to be active in the fight against discrimination of not only gay and lesbian people, but all who are being shit upon.

Since so many in Colorado voted for Amendment 2, I don't even want to hear of any complaints regarding this type of ad. If they can discriminate, so can others. And the best way to do that, folks, is to boycott Colorado and hit them where it really counts — in the wallet. Some will suffer, but so what! They should have thought of that before they tried to pull this slick one. But, trust me fellow gays and lesbians, we will win and the homophobes will be forced to retreat into their dirty closets and rot away.

Peter Walker  
San Francisco

### Dear Mr. President

The following letter was sent to President-elect Bill Clinton:

First, I would like to extend my congratulations on your victorious campaign for the presidency. For the first time in many years, I feel that I have a president of whom I can be proud and that your administration will do everything possible to create the social inequalities of the last two administrations. I have a sense of hope.

Second, and most important, is to remind you of your campaign promises. I am a veteran of our army, having served honorably between 1971 and 1974. I am also a gay man who is HIV positive. As a gay veteran, I am heartened by your stand on discrimination against gay men and women in the military. Far too long have good people been hunted, harassed and drummed out of the service because of their sexual orientation. Please remember you are the president, and as the president, you have the power to order the education necessary to end the witch hunts that have disgraced our military for so long.

I would also like to address the problem of AIDS. We need universal health insurance and not for just AIDS patients, but for everybody. I think that most of our citizens would gladly pay higher taxes if they knew that when they become ill, when their children become ill, that they can receive better than adequate health care. Again, you are the president. Please do what is needed to help all of us.

In closing, I would like you to look at history and remember, that when a nation ignores its people, when a division is created between classes, when rampant and violent discrimination is permitted, that nation is doomed. You are my president. Make me proud.

John F. Stratton  
San Francisco

### Wilson's Political Demagoguery

The 1993-94 state budget as proposed by Governor Pete Wilson does not bode well for people with AIDS and many other local social services and caregivers who depend on state funds for their survival.

Now I read in one of the local dailies that Gov. Wilson is asking U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein and the Clinton administration for federal aid to help legal and illegal immigrants who are in, and/or plan to come to California. I find Wilson's actions highly suspect, hypocritical and politically motivated.

Why didn't Wilson ask for federal aid a year ago from then-President Bush during California's state budget battle? Instead, Wilson proceeded to cut welfare benefits to California recipients by \$37. Now, to add insult to injury, Wilson proposes 4 percent cut in benefits as well as Medi-Cal cuts for indigent and low-income people, seniors and AIDS victims.

Wilson's clear intention is to pit one class of poor citizens against another class of poor immigrants for federal money. The whole thing reeks of political demagoguery and outrageous opportunism by Wilson. Let's not forget that this man's "welfare reform" (Proposition 165) was soundly defeated by California voters last November. And how he (Wilson) and others like him, are always berating Democrats about overspending money on social programs (ad nauseum). And now, hypocrite Wilson is pleading with Democrats to help bail out California. Wilson is desperately trying to save face with his own Republican Party for he intends to run for president in the 1996 election.

Pete Wilson is a shameless, shrewd politician obsessed with power and a disgrace to the position he holds to all of us Californians. Wilson should be removed from office whether by impeachment or recall. And the sooner the better.

Ed Dollak  
San Francisco

# Banning the Ban

After the new administration consulted with the country's two openly gay congress-members, Barney Frank and Gerry Studds, both Massachusetts Democrats, it was decided late last week that President Clinton would — as promised — end the military's ban against lesbians and gays. He's directed Secretary of Defense Les Aspin to prepare an executive order that would permanently lift the ban within the next few weeks. In the meantime, according to Clinton aides, the military will be directed in a less formal manner to stop asking recruits about their sexual orientation and to stop discharging those who are found to be gay. These are the two points that would be the main practical effect, once an executive order is actually in effect.

The two-step process buys some time for Clinton to discuss details with senior military leaders, most of whom publicly oppose lifting the ban. Before assuming the post as secretary of defense, then-Representative Aspin himself let it be known that he didn't favor lifting the ban, but now says he feels that "this plan can and will work in time." The new administration has been under intense pressure from the whole military to back off from the campaign pledge, and Clinton aides had considered a plan to lift the ban without a presidential order. Gay rights advocates vigorously protested, contending that delegating the repeal to the defense secretary would weaken the symbolic import of the move and undermine Clinton's campaign promise. The new, tougher compromise was actually worked out by Aspin and his top military aides and was approved by Clinton and his senior national security advisers a couple of days before he assumed the presidency.

Representatives Frank and Studds approved the plan, and military officials said they were pleased as well that they would still get some say on how the change will occur. President Clinton is making good on his promise to the gay and lesbian community that supported him in record numbers, and his decision to do so bodes well for the new president and his commitment to equal treatment to gay Americans.

Those close to the new president say he hopes to name an "AIDS czar" soon, to help in fighting the killer epidemic. Clinton appears to be off to a good start, and gays and lesbians across the country have every reason to feel

that he will not turn his back on our community, unlike the two previous Republican administrations. Good start, Mr. President.



### Make Room for Hillary

First Lady Hillary Clinton — pardon me, that's Hillary Rodham Clinton — made it clear the first day in the new administration that she intends to be an activist presidential wife. Previous first ladies have always operated from the East Wing of the White House, where their official duties usually were limited to social duties or charitable causes. Not Hillary, who last week began using her maiden name again. She set

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up shop in the West Wing, where she will have an office and staff near that of the president and makes little effort to hide her intentions to help the president formulate policy on a score of issues, including health care and domestic issues.

It is a well-known fact that Bill Clinton considers his wife to be his "closest and most trusted" adviser. While it has been officially announced only that the first lady will supervise the drafting of a proposal to revamp the nation's health care system, aides to the new president quietly say that Mrs. Clinton will wield "immense influence" on any and every issue that confronts the new president. Early in the campaign last year Hillary Clinton and her husband boasted in jest about the talents of the candidate's wife, saying "Vote for one, get one free," and while Mrs. Clinton tried to low-key her presence in the campaign, few who knew her doubted that it would be his wife to whom the president would most often turn for advice on an array of issues facing the new administration.

A number of gay and lesbian Clinton supporters from

San Francisco attended last week's Inauguration. Supervisors Carole Migden and Roberta Achtenberg among them.

During the "open house" at the White House the day after Clinton took office, a number of gays and lesbians went through the line to wish the new president well. Two gay men from Washington stood in front of the new president and vice president as one introduced the other to Clinton as "my husband"; Clinton warmly shook both men's hands and smiled broadly; "he was hip and clearly approved," said one of the two.

Some of Dee Dee Myers' friends (she has a number of close friends in the city) are openly concerned that she might in fact be presidential press secretary in name only; Myers has the coveted title, but, unlike her predecessor, Marlin Fitzwater, Myers doesn't get the traditional rank of assistant to the president (she's a deputy assistant); she will not have a spacious office — complete with fireplace and a bank of color televisions — usually awarded a press secretary. Although she will earn \$119,300 annually, that too is a reduction from the \$129,500 usually paid for the position, and most importantly, she has already been advised that the responsibility for the daily press briefings will be handled by White House communications director George Stephanopoulos, the baby-faced spokesperson for the campaign.

Some women's groups have already voiced disappointment at Myers' seemingly being pushed aside. "What good does it do to name a woman the first presidential press secretary and have the press ignore her?" asked one official from the National Organization for Women.

Washington's gay bars reportedly did a booming business during Inaugural week and it seems just about everyone in the gay and lesbian community made it to D.C.'s Brass Rail, one of the District's better-known gay nightspots.

Insiders knew immediately that the nomination of Attorney General-designate Zoe Baird was in big trouble last week when Senators Dianne Feinstein and Carol Moseley-Braun, the only women on the Senate Judiciary Committee, let it be known in a not-too-subtle way that they weren't buying Baird's explanation of how she knowingly hired two undocumented immigrants, particularly when it

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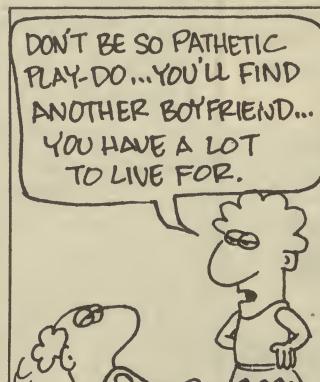


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## Putting Poetry in Motion

by Nancy Boutilier

A Rock, A River, A Tree and there we are amid the Rabbi, the Priest, the Sheik, and the Preacher — right there at the president's Inauguration. For once we came first included, in plain English, mentioned just before the

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Straight — and Maya didn't stumble over it, she just wrote and read us right into the fabric of the globe and her Inaugural poem: The Gay.

Thank you, Maya Angelou. Yes, we all hear the speaking of the Tree.

Welcome, Bill Clinton, to the White House.

Welcome, Hillary, Chelsea, and Socks.

Welcome, America, to a new day.

Welcome, Earth, to the lunar year 4691, the year of the Rooster.

Bill Clinton is the first president since JFK to recognize the necessity of poetry, the first since JFK to move his personal library into the White House. Clinton has ear enough and heart enough to select a poet whose verse is in rhythm with "the pulse of this new day."

No, Maya Angelou's "On the Pulse of Morning" is not the best poem I've ever read. It reads a bit too much like a list. But, it's the best poem I've had read to me in a long time. Occasional poetry is almost always better recited than read off the page. It's about delivery, mood, and moment.

Maybe we'd have a chance at world peace if every vote, every legislative and policy decision, every courtroom judgment took place only after the poet laureate had spoken.

Imagine what could be if, just before appointing the director of the National Endowment for the Arts, Holly Hughes and Lyle Ashton Harris had an audience with Bill

Clinton.

What might have been if Melvin Dixon had been invited to address Congress before any vote could be taken regarding AIDS funding.

What would have happened if Sapphire and Kate Ruskin had taken turns at the microphone between testimonies during Clarence Thomas' confirmation hearings?

I want to see the schools that might be shaped if Paula Gunn Allen and Paul Monette read to the secretary of education each morning.

Justice might have a better chance if Eileen Myles and Dorothy Allison addressed the jury deciding the fate of Aileen Wuornos.

There would be hope if Chrystos met with the joint chiefs of staff every morning, and if Essex Hemphill counseled the Cabinet.

Let Asso Saint and Cherrie Moraga speak before the United Nations General Assembly.

Bring on Wayne Corbett when the governor speaks, Adrienne Rich when the state Legislature assembles, Nellie Wong when the Board of Supervisors meets, and Thom Gunn to precede the mayor's



Maya Angelou

(Photo: Douglas K. Dempsey)

remarks.

Consider Audre Lorde's insistence that "poetry is not a luxury." How right she was when she wrote, "The farthest horizons of our hopes and fears are cobbled by our poems, carved from the rock experiences of our daily lives."

Think of how enriched we'd all be by the infusion of poetry into politics.

And into our daily lives, perhaps, we all need a little more poetry.

The next time I consider pointing out a flaw in my girlfriend's behavior, I will read a love poem by Cheryl Clarke or Terry Wolverton before I speak.

And I think I'll spend some time with Olga Broumas and Walt Whitman the next time I need a lift.

When I need the courage to continue, I'll visit with the words of Craig Harris and Minnie Bruce Pratt.

Maybe poetry is our best chance to find the grace to look into our sisters' eyes and our brothers' faces and say, as Maya Angelou did, simply, *Very simply  
With hope —  
Good morning.* ▼

## San Diego School Board Gives Scouts the Heave-Ho

by Karen Ocambo

The Boy Scouts of America have lost a round in the ongoing battle with gay activists over their official policy of discriminating against gays. On January 12 the San Diego School Board voted unanimously to rescind permission for the local Boy Scout chapter to use school facilities during school hours. San Diego Unified School District has 120,000 students, the second largest district in the state. Three thousand, mostly inner-city, teenagers will be affected by the removal of the Scouts' programs.

The School Board is the latest official body to break ties with the Scouts after the abrupt dismissal of El Cajon Police officer Chuck Merino as an Explorer Scout adviser. During a news conference last year about gay-bashings in the gay Hillcrest area of San Diego, the off-duty officer was asked why he had joined

the citizen patrol. He answered, because he is gay.

Nothing more came of Merino's statement until just before the elections, when he unexpectedly received a letter firing him from the Explorer Post he started in 1988. Merino was immediately backed up by his superior, San Diego Police Chief Bob Burgeon, who cut all police ties with the Scouts. However, despite much urging from gay activists, both the San Diego County Sheriff and the local United Way have refused to withdraw their support. They say they are waiting for the outcome of a lawsuit filed by Merino.

That is also the reason given by the San Diego City Council, according to Fred Scholl, a community representative from City Councilmember John Hartley's office. But, Scholl says, calls to Hartley's office from the religious right and other supporters of the Scouts are running

20-1 opposing any action by the Council. "The gay community is looking at this as one big yawn," Scholl says.

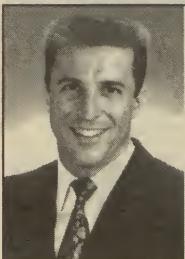
The lack of response from the San Diego gay community deeply concerns activists.

"I am immensely frightened by the Boy Scout issue," says Bridget Wilson, a co-founder of San Diego's Gay and Lesbian Center and a coordinator for the Military Task Force. "I think they are painting us into a corner."

Wilson says the religious right is presenting the issue as "selfish homosexuals" who want "special rights" and are willing to "take something away from other kids" to get them.

Since neither the government nor the gay community is doing effective education or replacing the Boy Scout programs, "the tactic is succeeding," Wilson says. It's also "giving liberals an excuse for their homophobia." ▼





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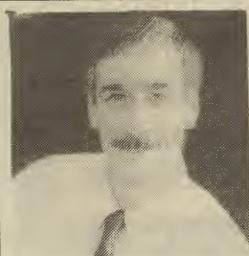


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## World News

# Gays Target Last Two European Sodomy Laws

by Rex Wockner  
Outlines News Service

Laws that ban gay sex in Ireland and Romania were in the bull's eye as 150 gay/lesbian leaders from 25 countries gathered in Brussels, Belgium, December 27-31 for the 14th International Lesbian and Gay Association European Regional Conference.

On December 30, the delegates protested outside the Romanian state tourist agency, TAROM, in downtown Brussels, demanding the Romanian government repeal Article 200 of the Penal Code, which punishes gay/lesbian sex with a five-year prison sentence.

The demonstration was organized after Romanian embassy officials refused to meet an ILGA delegation, "an insulting response [that] indicates the true indifference of the Romanian government to these human-rights abuses," said ILGA Co-secretary General John Clark.

The conference also petitioned the Council of Europe to reject Romania's recent application for membership unless Article 200 is repealed.

"We are angry that archaic, repressive laws against homosexuality continue to be enforced in Romania," Clark explained. "They crush the great hopes for change and freedom which were raised after the revolution. We demand an end to this persecution, the immediate repeal of the laws, and immediate release of those currently imprisoned."

ILGA also asked the Council of Europe to suspend Ireland's membership because the government has failed to implement a European Court of Human Rights ruling that overturned that nation's gay sex ban.

"It is now over four years since the European Court found Ireland's laws to be in contravention of the European Convention on Human Rights," said Cathal O'Ciarra-

gain, who attended the ILGA confab from the Irish Gay and Lesbian Equality Network. "We Irish gays are angry at the string of broken promises given by the previous government. We demand that the new government act to give lesbians and gays equality immediately."

The theme of this year's ILGA meeting was "Lesbian and Gay Rights in an Open Europe." Twelve European nations dropped trade and customs barriers and border checks for each other's citizens on January 1.

ILGA Information Secretary Michel Ramakers said a key result of the confab was the establishment of an ILGA Lobby Bureau at European Community headquarters in Brussels.

The delegates also voted to establish relations with anti-fascist organizations to fight the rise of far-right-wing political groups and parties, Ramakers said. ▼

## Peru Fires Gay Ambassadors

by Hubert Cam

LIMA, Peru (UPI) — President Alberto Fujimori announced January 2 that some of the 117 officials ousted in a recent purge of the Peruvian diplomatic service were removed for "displaying their homosexuality in a scandalous manner."

"I have nothing against the personal, private conduct of these people, but if it is the case of a person displaying — I will say it directly — his homosexuality in a scandalous manner, it is not honorable for this gentleman to repre-

sent his country," Fujimori said.

Fujimori said that homosexuality was rare among the diplomatic corps. "They are exceptional cases, not general, I want to repeat," he said, "but there are cases like those which have been punished. So it has been necessary to act with a firm hand. No government has been able to touch this diplomatic elite, but I believe that it has been necessary."

Fujimori, whose extraordinary year has included the dissolution and re-election of Congress, the capture of the

leftist Shining Path guerrilla leader Abimael Guzman and the survival of a coup attempt, promised to continue ruling his country firmly in 1993.

"I will carry on with a firm hand, unless they kill me, and justice will take a while but it will arrive," he said.

Fujimori did not give any specific examples of the "unacceptable" behavior which he said led to some of the diplomatic dismissals, but said, "If we are going to spend \$50 million a year [for the diplomatic service], the people have the right to demand output, good conduct, morality." ▼

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was revealed that the half-million-dollar-a-year attorney ended up paying the couple below the national pay scale.

More than a few gays attending the D. C. festivities passed up the dozen or so "official" balls, and chose to attend the lesser-known "Stealth Ball" where rapper Marky Mark performed.

Bitch, bitch, bitch: it seems none of the fashion critics liked Hillary Clinton's or Tipper Gore's outfit; those hats!

And many who were never really Michael Jackson fans (like myself) were converted by Jackson's poignant words and song for Ryan White. Jackson looked the new president right in the eye and asked him to commit the new administration to funding a cure for AIDS and Clinton did so by shaking his head in agreement as both he and his wife fought back tears listening to Jackson sing a song "Gone Too Soon" he had written in White's honor.

U. S. Senator Dianne Feinstein will be the keynote

speaker at the Chinese American Democratic Club's annual dinner February 5 at the Golden Mountain Restaurant, 644 Broadway (tickets and info: 750-9300).

If the national Republicans have a brain, they would be looking at outgoing Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Jack Kemp to lead their party in '96.

Ann-Margaret, Bette Midler, Sandra Bernhard, Sam Harris, and a host of other celebrities will perform at the memorial to Peter Allen February 10 at UCLA's Royce Hall; the event will benefit the Shanti Foundation in LA (info: 213-386-8014).

State Treasurer Kathleen Brown is sure to run for governor in 1994; outgoing state Demo chair Phil Angelides will run for either Brown's current job or lieutenant governor, while San Francisco District Attorney Arlo Smith looks ready to take on the anti-gay Attorney General Dan Lungren.

State Representative Tammy Baldwin, a lesbian from Madison, took office last week as Wisconsin's first openly gay legislator.

The word I get from City Hall is that those demanding

Mayor Jordan get rid of Jean Harris are wasting their time; the mayor reportedly is very high on Harris, who, even her enemies admit is, a "workaholic" very committed to her job — and her community.

Senators Boxer and Feinstein have both bought homes in Washington; Boxer bought former North Carolina Senator Terry Sanford's "\$300,000 range" near her Capitol office, while Feinstein and her wealthy husband will live on D.C.'s pricy "Embassy Row" in Kalorama Square.

Marin/Sonoma's new Congresswoman Lynn Woolsey was a guest on KGO's *Ronn Owens Show* from D.C. last week, and does this woman have a lot to learn — she didn't understand a damned thing she was talking about and she should never go on any stage with the powerful, bright Nancy Pelosi.

Yep, Bill Clinton has been president for only a week and I think I feel better about some things already; the torch has definitely been passed and for me, at least, watching George Bush and Dan Quayle get on that chopper to head out of town was one of the real bright spots of Inaugural week. ▼

# Ammiano, Back from Japan, Talks About Gay Rights There

by Dennis Conkin

San Francisco Board of Education President Tom Ammiano returned this week from a ten-day trip to Japan, where he testified as an expert witness in a gay rights suit.

Ammiano testified in Tokyo District Court on behalf of Occur, a gay rights group suing the Tokyo Board of Education over its refusal to allow lesbians and gay youth to use a government-run youth center.

The Tokyo Board of Education bans gays from using the centers, which include meeting spaces and overnight dormitory facilities.

"The argument they use is similar to the one used by the U.S. military," Ammiano told the *Bay Area Reporter*. "That gays would have sex between themselves because that's all we do and it would upset the straight kids. My argument was that there were rules of behavior that apply to everyone beyond sexual orientation but it was the same kind of homophobia used by Sheldon

and Briggs."

More than 400 people, most of them lesbian and gay activists and supporters, jammed the courtroom on January 18 for Ammiano's testimony.

Occur is suing on the grounds that the ban violates Japan's equality and freedom of assembly protections.

"It was really very incredible. There were three judges but only one of them asked questions. It's where we were in the '70s. The members of Occur are just so courageous," he said.

Ammiano said that his testimony was an attempt to educate the court about the issues lesbian and gay students face, including the fact that one third of suicides among youth are gay-related.

"I talked about how we did it in San Francisco. Someone said that it could only be in San Francisco, but I said that while we were leaders, we are not alone," he said.

The suit is expected to be decided by the summer.

During the ten-day trip,

Ammiano also met with the Tokyo Board of Education officials and urged them to adopt programs that address the needs of lesbian and gay youth — as well as HIV education programs.

"They say they only have 90 cases of AIDS in Tokyo. There are 14 million people in the city. They're wrong," he said. "People just laugh at that. They are in denial about sex."

Ammiano said he "was astounded" to learn that the superintendent of the Tokyo school system makes a salary of about \$1 million per year and that school board members receive about \$4,000 per meeting.

Ammiano receives \$500 a month as president of the board.

In addition to attending a dinner sponsored by Occur and a viewing of *The Life And Times of Harvey Milk*, Ammiano met with straight political leaders and elected officials who were interested in meeting an openly gay American elected official.



Tom Ammiano

ported Queer Nation and ACT UP. Of course, I said Yes," Ammiano told the *Bay Area Reporter*.

During the trip, Ammiano's partner Tim Curbo also spoke at several meetings about HIV/AIDS education and about his experience as a gay teacher with HIV infection. ▼

fully help further the education of our community as well as raise proceeds for an organization that is really making a difference," said Amen. The aerobics instructor is a former member of the agency's board and a current volunteer.

"While public awareness regarding HIV issues and challenges continues to increase, there is still a great deal of work remaining," said Amen. "This event will hope-

## STEP Up To Fight AIDS

by Dennis Conkin

The AIDS Project of Contra Costa County will hold its second annual "Each STEP Makes a Difference ... A Workout To Fight AIDS" on February 13 at Heather Farms Community Center in Walnut Creek.

The fitness event is a fundraiser for the eight-year-

old nonprofit volunteer group that provides emotional and practical support for more than 400 clients with AIDS and ARC in the East Bay county that includes the cities of Walnut Creek, Concord, San Pablo, Pittsburg, and Danville.

For a minimum donation of \$25, participants will enjoy a 75-minute STEP aerobic

workout taught by master teachers Kerry Silverstone and Miles Amen, plus a health and fitness auction, entertainment, and refreshments.

More than 450 people participated in the fundraiser last year, raising \$4,000 for APCC.

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tional support, emergency relief funds, legal clinic, and practical services such as transportation and shopping for clients. The group also sponsors AIDS education projects and speakers to help inform community members about HIV and AIDS issues.

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## National News

# How Bush Said Goodbye

By David Olson

Before he wrapped up his final days in office, George Bush delivered a terrible going-away present to America: for the second consecutive year, the federal government is cutting funds for state AIDS prevention efforts. The result, according to health officials and AIDS activists, is that people likely will die.

Funding has dropped from \$133.4 million in 1991 to \$126.5 million in 1992 and \$121.3 million in 1993, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDCP). State health agencies requested \$181 million in federal prevention money for 1993. Most states rely primarily on federal money to fund AIDS prevention efforts.

Less money for prevention means more AIDS deaths in the future, said Margaret Skelley, director of the HIV/AIDS Project of the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO).

"It is expensive to pay for prevention, but it is far less expensive to spend money on prevention now than to pay for care in the long run," she said. The average lifetime cost of treating an HIV-positive person is about \$85,000, she said.

Dr. M. Joycelyn Elders, the president of ASTHO and President Bill Clinton's choice for surgeon general, warned in a recent letter that the cutbacks will have a "critical impact" in the effort to stem the spread of HIV, particularly in light of "increasing public demand for HIV prevention services."

According to Elders, who currently heads Arkansas' health department, requests for HIV testing and counseling—which public health officials see as a critical component



in prevention efforts—has risen 30 percent in the last year, and the shortage of money has led to waiting lists in many states. Meanwhile, in some states, federal AIDS grants have decreased nearly 20 percent over the past two years, she wrote.

Elders blamed Congress as well as the CDCP for the funding cuts. In her letter, which was addressed to Senator Tom Harkin (D-Iowa), chairman of the Senate Labor, Health and Human Services subcommittee, she charged that Congress has a history of making recommendations on AIDS policy but then refusing to back up those requests with adequate funds.

A top federal AIDS official admitted that the cutbacks may indeed lead to more AIDS deaths, as Elders charged.

"She may very well be right on that," acknowledged Gary West, a top federal AIDS official. "She'll be the surgeon general, and she's very knowledgeable about this issue."

"There's no question that the most cost-effective thing we can do is to stop people from becoming infected," added West, assistant deputy director for HIV for the National Center for Prevention Services of the CDCP.

But, he said, "There will

never be enough money to meet all the needs and we have to balance this with other priorities. There's also more money needed for treatment of HIV and for many other public health priorities, and when you get out of the domain of public health, there are many other government priorities."

AIDS activists said they are angered, but not surprised, by the cut in AIDS prevention funds.

"The Bush administration has never been committed or farsighted on AIDS, and this is yet another example of that," said Carisa Cunningham, spokeswoman for the Washington-based AIDS Action Council. "Each year, we have always advocated at least \$1 billion more for AIDS than the president requests."

The federal government will spend \$2.1 billion on all its AIDS programs in fiscal year 1993. With inflation taken into account, that's about the same as fiscal year 1992.

Although prevention money was cut from the federal AIDS budget, money for AIDS services and treatment increased by about \$70 million. Cunningham believes that's largely because treatment programs are more politically palatable to the conservative Bush administration than prevention efforts, which often include discussion of sex and illegal drug use.

"That's something that conflicts with their cultural agenda," she said.

AIDS activists, public health experts, congresspersons and the president's own National Commission on AIDS have long complained that the Bush and Reagan administrations' reluctance to fund explicit AIDS education has impeded the fight against the epidemic. ▀

## Michael Jackson to Clinton: Remember Ryan; Stop AIDS

by Rex Wockner  
Outlines News Service

Megastar pop singer Michael Jackson urged President Bill Clinton to "commit the resources needed to eliminate" AIDS during Jackson's performance at Clinton's Inaugural Gala January 19.

Clinton shook his head yes and made the arm-and-fist go-go gesture popularized by talk-show host Arsenio Hall's studio audience.

The next day, in his relatively brief 1,500-word Inaugural Address, Clinton mentioned AIDS.

Jackson said to Clinton: "I would like to take a moment from this very public ceremony to speak of something very personal. It concerns a dear friend of mine who is no longer with us. His name is Ryan White. [Applause]. He was a hemophiliac who was diagnosed with the AIDS virus when he was 11. He died shortly after turning 18, the very time most young people are beginning to explore life's wonderful possibilities. My friend Ryan was a very bright, very brave, and

very normal young man who never wanted to be a symbol or a spokesperson for a deadly disease. Over the years, I shared many silly, happy, and painful moments with Ryan, and I was with him at the end of his brief but eventful journey. Ryan is gone, and just as anyone who has lost a loved one to AIDS, I miss him deeply and constantly. He is gone but I want his life to have meaning beyond his passing. It is my hope, President-elect Clinton, that you and your administration commit the resources needed to eliminate this awful disease [applause] that took my friend, and ended so many promising lives before their time. This song is for you, Ryan."

Both Bill and Hillary Clinton stood and quietly clapped as Jackson spoke. Mr. Clinton covered his upper lip with his lower lip, as he does when listening intently, shook his head yes, said "thank you," and gave the go-go sign with his fist.

The next day at his Inauguration, as he did in his November 3 election-victory

speech, Clinton again chose to make reference to AIDS at a point in the speech when he just as easily could have referred to one of a hundred other issues.

Clinton said: "To renew America, we must meet challenges abroad as well as at home. There is no longer a clear division between what is foreign and what is domestic. The world economy, the world environment, the world AIDS crisis, the world arms race — they affect us all."

November 3, Clinton mentioned AIDS 54 seconds into his victory speech. He said: "This election is a clarion call for our country to face the challenges of the end of the Cold War and the beginning of the next century. To restore growth to our country and opportunity to our people. To empower our own people so that they can take more responsibility for their own lives. To face problems too long ignored, from AIDS to the environment to the conversion of our economy from a defense [giant] to a domestic-economic giant." ▀

# The Week That Was: Clinton's Inauguration

by Karen Ocambr

For the first time in history, thousands of open, proud lesbians and gays enthusiastically waved Rainbow and American flags while waiting to catch a glimpse of a president at his inauguration. And for the first time in history, openly gay people fully participated in the nation's greatest parade.

On the "gay visibility" corner — in the shadow of the Justice Department, the FBI and the IRS — the air was charged with patriotism and hope. Goodwill broke out like innocent prisoners suddenly freed from putrid, windowless cells of sanctioned hatred. There on the corner of Tenth and Pennsylvania avenues in Washington, D.C. that sunny January 20 afternoon, it felt like the Age of Aquarius had finally dawned.

The Inauguration ceremonies for Bill Clinton and Al Gore marked a dramatic turning point in the history of lesbian and gay Americans. It also was the first real indication that all the political work, and all the gay and AIDS activism that produced the first-ever gay voting bloc to elect the Clinton/Gore Democratic ticket, had been acknowledged by the administration's inner circle. In fact, open lesbians and gays were in the inner circle during the campaign, on the transition team, and are now up for select, high visibility appointments within the White House and its Cabinet offices — another first.

## The big week

In Washington, power is achieved through access and access is achieved through acknowledgement. And during all of the inaugural celebrations, gay people were acknowledged in lots of big and small ways. For instance, when Los Angelinos David Kessler of Project Angel Food, publicist Howard Bragman, civil rights attorney John Duran, and Duran's partner Jim Keltner went to the sold-out "An American Reunion" at the Lincoln Memorial January 17, Kessler was informed that there were no tickets waiting for them. But he thought he'd give it a shot anyway, despite the 300,000 others cramming the Mall for the free events and a chance to hear big name talents perform, among them Melissa Etheridge.

"I told the security supervisor: 'We're from ANGLE — Access Now for Gay and Lesbian Equality. We raised a lot of money for Clinton. I didn't phone in soon enough.' She went off to the side and spoke into her walkie-talkie: 'I need a reading on ANGLE. OK, fine. Here are your four tickets.' This is what access for gays and lesbians means —



Senator Ted Kennedy  
(Photo: Karen Ocambr)

that ANGLE would mean something to this administration. This is what David [Mixner] meant by a 'place at the table,'" Kessler said.

David Booth and Vince, his lover of 14 years, from Huntington Beach were also at the Reunion that Sunday. Booth, an electrical design engineer and Vince, a retired manager with Orange County's Fluor Corp., are not politically active. But David had vowed that if Clinton won, they would go to Washington to be part of history.

"We were all part of this crushing crowd. We were all there for the same reason — to celebrate a renewed confidence in this country after 12 years of feeling almost unwelcome — especially as a gay couple. We had no problem holding hands," Booth said. But what "blew [them] away" was the ringing of the bells and the "stupendous" fireworks.

"We must go forward together or not at all," Clinton told the crowd at the Lincoln Memorial before ringing the bells. "Let us build an American home for the 21st century, where everyone has a place at the table and not a single child is left behind."

The next day, January 18, was the celebration of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday. Ironically, it was the same day Catch One owner and AIDS Project Los Angeles board member Jewel Thais-Williams arrived with her spouse. As a child of seven in San Diego, Jewel had dreamed of coming to the White House. And now, almost four decades later, the dream deferred was being realized — not in the same fashion as Mary McCloud Bethune-Cookman's invitation from Eleanor Roosevelt that inspired the dream, but nonetheless as an African-American lesbian participating in history. "There is definitely a feeling of hope that maybe this time we as Americans will advance enough in

our thinking and never go back to the time when the [Ku Klux] Klan is in," Jewel said.

Hope was the theme of a private luncheon with Clinton that afternoon. As two of the 53 "Faces of Hope," Michele Querico, 32, a PWA from Worcester, Massachusetts, and Dr. Patti Wetzel of Ft. Worth, Texas — HIV-positive through a needle stick — were able to talk directly to Clinton about AIDS.

That night, as fur-decked Democrats limoed to different parties around the capital, about 350 gay rights activists gathered around the Navy Memorial for a candlelight vigil remembering gay sailor Allen Schindler, who was allegedly murdered by shipmates in Japan. [See stories, page 15.]

Tuesday morning Jewel and Rue Thais-Williams, fellow APLA board member Eric Schockman, and APLA policy director Phill Wilson held one last private meeting with openly gay transition team health liaison Tim Westmoreland about his final AIDS policy recommendations. Afterwards they attended a reception at the AIDS Action Council headquarters where scores of Los Angelinos, including ANGLE's Chris Hershey and Susan Van Holden, shared stories.

But Tuesday's big blowout was the party the gay



Clinton supporters at the lesbian and gay visibility corner during last week's Inauguration Parade.  
(Photo: Karen Ocambr)

bourn, the three gay groups chose not to fork over their proceeds to the Democratic National Committee to become an "official" event, making it unlikely that Clinton would appear.

Even so, the new DNC chairman David Wilhelm did show, wrapping Mixner in a bear hug as he walked on stage. He honored Mixner for his "great work in mobilizing" the gay community behind Clinton and said "all of us are grateful for your support." It is believed that one in seven votes for Clinton was cast by the Victory Fund's William Way.

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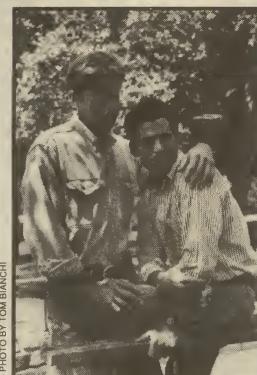


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## Clinton

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a gay voter.

Wilhelm said he "looks forward" to working with the gay community and the Victory Fund. He said he believes in appealing to the "sense of hope, unity, and community" that "David Mixner and the campaign were all about."

But before David Wilhelm there was Senator Ted Kennedy, who won deafening whoops of approval when he announced that he will be the principal Senate sponsor of the Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights Bill this year. "Our task is no longer to hold the line," Kennedy said, calling lesbian and gay rights activists "pilgrims on freedom's road" whose "irrepressible force of faith met the immovable object [of bigotry] and the immovable object has moved."

Kennedy held the crowd spellbound as he honored Mixner for a "life spent pushing boulders." He quoted Harvey Milk: "None of us is free until all of us is free," and his own slain brother Robert, on how each person who "strikes

out for justice" sends up "a ripple of hope ... [that] sends down a current that can sweep down the mightiest walls of oppression." The Inauguration of Clinton, Kennedy said, is a "great victory ... at last those great walls are finally coming down."

But as appreciative as the crowd was for Kennedy and Wilhelm's outreach, the night belonged to Mixner and the work of all those lesbians and gays who worked to so hard to achieve this place at the table — but had died too soon of AIDS.

The thousand-plus crowd fell silent during the videotape tribute as Mixner talked about how he has lost "85 percent of friends of my age group — and it did not have to happen." The video ran down a list of names, stopping at one point on that of Peter Scott, one of the co-founders with Mixner and attorneys Diane Abbott and Roberta Bennet of the once premier gay political organization MECLA.

A news clipping showed a picture of Scott — dead of AIDS at 50 on May 3, 1989. "He was the most important person in my life and he didn't have to die," Mixner said.



Human Rights Campaign Fund Executive Director Tim McFeeley (left), former Perot supporter Debra Olson, and Representative Barney Frank.

(Photo: Karen Ocambl)

"Ronald Reagan and George Bush killed him." After Scott's death Mixner swore that "not one more gay child would go through this if I had anything to do with it."

Everyone, including Dr. Scott Hitt on stage, dissolved into tears. When Mixner took the stage, the room exploded with grief, love, gratitude, and a sense, as Mixner put it, of "a community that has come of age."

"It's over," Mixner said, talking about the systematic exclusion of lesbians and gays from military service. "In the very near future Tracey Thorne is going to be flying again for this country." And, referring to Clinton's now famous line, "I have a vision and you are a part of it," Mixner said, "We too have a vision. We too are dreaming again." It's a vision that includes passage of the Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights Bill, and "growing old with our friends [where] we don't have to pick out castles but beaches." Finally it's one vision — "no matter what our differences, we are united as gays and lesbians, and we are proud and strong."

San Francisco Supervisor Roberta Achtenberg took a private moment to reflect on her friend Randy Klose, the former board co-chair of the Human Rights Campaign Fund, whose personal fortune and passionate fundraising helped finance HRCF, launch the Victory Fund, and contribute identifiable gay dollars to the Clinton campaign. Klose died of AIDS before Clinton's election.

The Mixner event was followed by an NGLTF dinner, where residual disappointment over not seeing Clinton was dissipated by socializing and an appearance by now openly lesbian performer Janis Ian of "Society's Child" and "At Sev-

enteen" fame. From there some party-goers went to the hip "Zei Club" while others went on to the 52nd Presidential Inaugural Gala where Michael Jackson spoke of his friend Ryan White and Barbra Streisand talked about America's strength in diversity.

## The big day

The following morning, January 20 — Inauguration Day for President Bill Clinton — the sky was clear and the weather was crisp but not too cold. Lesbians and gays began gathering early on their "gay visibility" corner. Others elected to watch the historical proceedings on TV. Others had tickets close to the swearing-in on the Capitol steps, while still others were in the thick of the crowd.

"This is our time," said the new President of the United States.

"Though our challenges are fearsome, so are our strengths. Americans have

ever been a restless, questing,

hopeful people. And we must

bring to our task today the vi-

sion and will of those who

are gay and lesbians, and we

are proud and strong."

In his Inaugural speech, Bill Clinton mentioned "the world AIDS crisis." But it was African-American poet Maya Angelou who stood proudly at the podium, wearing a glittering red ribbon, and specifically included gays in her "On The Pulse of Morning" poem about humankind.

But for John Duran, David Kessler, David Booth, and his PWA brother Steve, who watched history unfold on C-Span from the warmth of his home in Hemet, the true moment of change came when George and Barbara Bush lifted off in their helicopter.

"We were all singing 'Goodbye, So Long,' and hugged each other. It was complete pandemonium," said Booth. "I

had a sensation like a cloud passing over me. Finally after 12 years, that despair is over. In that one moment I thought, finally, finally Reagan-Bush and their genocide is over. Now we can get on with what has to be done," said Duran. "I was crying I was so happy."

Enslaved in the Presidential viewing stand, Bill and Hillary Clinton waved back and in the midst of the crowd Clinton found his friend David Mixner, who was seated directly across the street. And while the rest of the crowd fell silent, Clinton pointed, waved and gave the thumbs up sign to the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt parade contingent, seeming to recognize Miss America Leanza Cornett and some of the marchers.

Then it was off to the balls. HRCF threw a dinner. The gay community threw a Triangle Ball at the National Press Club where Joe Steffan sang the national anthem with Tracey Thorne and Margarethe Cammermeyer acting as Color Guard. Comedienne Kate Clinton called for a million people to March on Washington in April. Congressman Barney Frank talked about the executive order on the military, and Congresswoman Maxine Waters' aide Sabrina Sojourner and National Latino Lesbian/Gay Organization's Letitia Gomez talked to Whitman Walker's Elise Young about their upcoming marriage. Meanwhile, photographers snapped away as former Perot supporters Debra Olson and Kay Cole made out in the corner.

The kicker at the Triangle Ball at the National Press Club was when Elvira, Mistress of the Dark, announced from the balcony: "I'm not gay — but I could be talked into it." As she laughed, singer k.d. lang leaned around and kissed her on the mouth, followed immediately by Melissa Etheridge. Earlier, lang had said, "the best thing I ever did in my life was to come out."

Aside from the Triangle Ball, lesbians and gays in gowns, tuxedos, and red ribbons danced all night at the "official" balls where the Clintons and Gores made appearances, including the "MTV" and "Stealth" Balls with the hip, mainstream crowd.

But perhaps the euphoria created by the sense of hope and inclusion generated by the new administration is best summed up by John Duran who recalled getting to his "An American Reunion" seat: "We're here. We're queer, and we're in the second row." ▼

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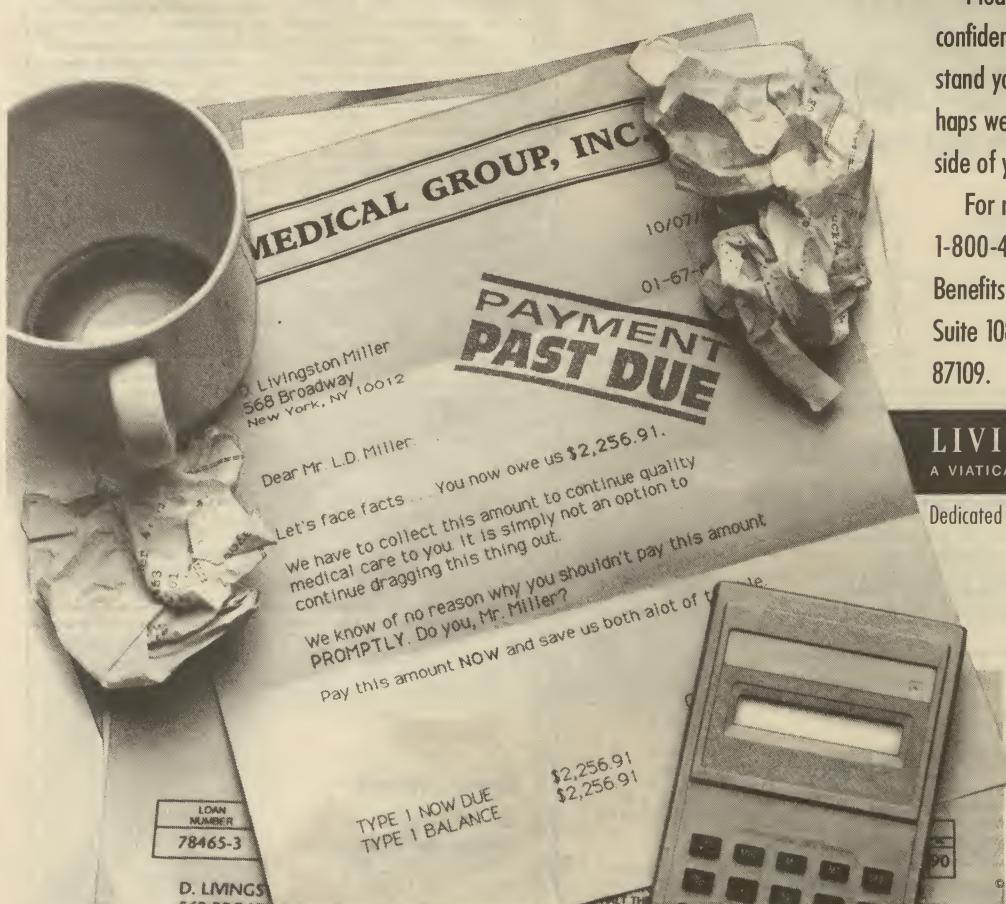
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### Ban

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the Campaign Fund have also called in volunteers to call gay activists and gay and lesbian newspapers and businesses around the country to have them call the White House and the Senate with their opinions.

The move comes against the backdrop of a January 25 meeting Clinton held with Senate leaders and the five Joint Chiefs of Staff on various military issues. Despite the pressing concerns facing the military here and abroad, however, the discussion reportedly focused almost entirely on Clinton's pledge to lift the gay ban.

Already Senators Dan Coats (R-Indiana) and Jesse Helms (R-North Carolina) have announced that they will attempt to maneuver a Senate vote on a proposal to codify the ban into federal law.

HRCP has said that, rather than 30 Senate votes supporting Clinton, their head count sees 33 in favor of lifting the ban vs. just 26 in support of the current policy.

Forty-six senators, including moderate Republicans like Senators Nancy Kassebaum (Kansas), Arlen Specter (Pennsylvania) and John Danforth (Missouri), they view as persuadable."

On the morning of January 26, Senator Alphonse D'Amato (R-New York) surprised some gay rights activists by delivering a floor statement supporting gays and lesbians in the service.

"No government has the

right to discriminate against its own people," he said. "Gays and heterosexuals have served in the military in the past with honor and they will continue to serve honorably together in the future."

The gay groups are now hoping he will join Senator John Chafee (R-Rhode Island), a former Navy Secretary, in mobilizing Republicans behind Clinton's pledge.

Clinton, meanwhile, has told the Joint Chiefs, who are adamantly against lifting the prohibition, that the time for discussion of whether or not to lift the ban is over. He did, however, request their input on the manner in which to best effect the change.

The Chiefs, not pleased by the move, have enlisted their top supporters on the Hill to carry water in their attempts at an end-run around the pending Clinton order.

On January 25, Senator Sam Nunn (D-Georgia), chairman of the powerful Senate Armed Services Committee, told the press that he supports the status quo and will stage hearings on the ban in March, inviting military leaders and gay organizations to testify.

"He's certainly welcome to have hearings," said NGLTF's Kane. "But I think it's irresponsible for him as chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee to not be familiar with the Department of Defense's own studies on this issue [and] to be implying that there hasn't been enough discussion and study on the issue."

"No government has the

"It has been debated, it's been studied," she added, pointing to a number of Pentagon-commissioned reports calling for an end to the present policy. "It's been studied probably more than any other issue in the military."

"Senator Nunn has made clear he supports the status quo," added King. "But we hope that with hearings he will get to see that this change is inevitable and he should work to make it go smoothly."

Clinton has proposed a two-stage process in lifting the ban, beginning almost immediately with a de facto end to the policy, calling on the Pentagon to immediately stop asking new recruits their sexual orientation and ending investigations into the sexual orientation of those already in the service. A formal executive order lifting the ban would come within approximately six months.

The Joint Chiefs have proposed a compromise which would leave the policy barring homosexuals in the service but would incorporate parts of the first step of Clinton's plan. The idea in that case would be that homosexuals would be allowed to serve in the armed forces, but only if they kept their sexual orientation secret. This compromise has been rejected by gay rights groups.

Kane said that gay groups like the two-step plan "acceptable," but only "as long as one of those steps is an executive order repealing the ban." ▼

## GLAAD Media Watch

Compiled by Hollie Conley

**P**roject Censored, which assembles a panel of media experts each year to select the top 25 under-reported stories, has again excluded lesbian, gay and bisexual news items from its list. Never in the 17-year history of the project has a lesbian, gay, or bisexual news item been selected for that list.

Reportedly, Project Censored seeks to "educate journalists and the public" about important news that is overlooked by the mainstream press. The publication of the annual list of censored stories is a media event itself, receiving national attention.

Throughout 1992, numerous lesbian, gay, and bisexual news items were submitted to Project Censored by GLAAD/SFBA. These stories included items on the passage of major anti-discrimination laws in three U.S. states, and on the significance of the lesbian/gay vote.

Past stories never even considered by the panel of "media experts" include the media blackout of the 1987 March on Washington (the largest civil rights march in U.S. history), the government suppression of a 1989 report on lesbian/gay teen suicide from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and the unreported story of the 1990 Gay Games (the largest amateur athletics event in the world for that year).

The "top censored stories" lists have never included anything related to AIDS coverage, though the very epidemiology of AIDS was influenced by the homophobia that pervaded the first decade of media insufficient coverage of the disease.

Once again we must remind Project Censored that our community is working to make itself visible despite the media silence that typically greets our efforts. Call upon the project's director to recruit some of the many qualified lesbian, gay, or bisexual media experts to serve on their panel, and to establish ongoing relationships with lesbian, gay and bisexual media outlets. Contact Carl Jensen, director, Project Censored, Sonoma State University, Rohnert Park, CA 94928, tel. 707-664-2149.

### Sassy

Sassy is a monthly magazine for teenage girls which prides itself on being more up-to-date than other teen magazines. The January edition includes, on the "It Happened To Me" page, a coming out story by one of Sassy's readers. In the article Jennifer, who is now 20, tells about develop-

ing a friendship with a lesbian in high school, and how that relationship helped her accept her own sexual orientation. Jennifer tells her own story, then gives the reader advice on coming out and on being sensitive to their lesbian and gay friends (whether they are or not).

Encourage Sassy to direct more stories at its lesbian readers by writing to Sassy, 230 Park Avenue, New York NY 10169.

### Key West

The Fox Television Network last week premiered Key West, a situation comedy with a morbid slant which includes a gay male character.

The series centers around a New Jersey lottery winner who moves to Key West, Florida, to become a writer. The cast is, for prime-time network TV, refreshingly diverse, racially and sexually (though not nearly as diverse as the real Key West). The gay character is Mayor Pembroke, who is running for re-election against a "family values" candidate who is also an alcoholic. This show breaks all the taboos of the fundamentalist thought police — including sympathetic prostitutes, practitioners of voodoo, and a New Age chief of police, in addition to the gay character. The show airs Tuesday evenings.

Key West was the target of a fundamentalist letter-writing campaign before it ever made it to the airwaves. Please contact FOX and thank them for standing up to the fanatics; you might also encourage them to include more lesbian and gay characters in the series.

Write to Peter Chernin, president, Fox Broadcasting, P.O. Box 900, Beverly Hills, CA 90213.

### National Women's History Project

The California-based National Women's History Project is devoted to "promoting the celebration and appreciation of multicultural women's history in every area — school, work, home and community." Their biannual catalog promotes everything from books and classroom materials to T-shirts and recordings. The catalog also now includes an index entry for "Lesbian" items — the current issue offers *Odd Girls and Twilight Lovers: A History Of Lesbian Life In Twentieth Century America* by Lillian Faderman. Thank the project for including lesbian materials in their catalog by writing to Molly Murphy MacGregor, Executive Director, National Women's History Project, 7738 Bell Road, Windsor, CA 95492, fax 707-838-0478. ▼

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## Obituaries

### David Fernandez

Dec. 15, 1951-Jan. 21, 1993

David died peacefully of AIDS in the arms of his lover, Justin, after a 3½ year battle with the disease.

Born and raised in New York City, David loved music and learned to play the guitar while in high school. He left New York to perform in the South and returned to sing back up for a number of musicians, including the Village People, with whom he toured in 1979. He moved to San Francisco in 1983 and was a DJ in various SF clubs, including the Pendulum and the Eagle. A devoted baseball fan, David headed a program to take PWAs to games courtesy of the S.F. Giants.

Sweet, gentle, loving, strong-willed, even stubborn, (and God, how handsome) he had a wonderful sense of humor and loved to make people laugh.

He is survived by his lover, Justin Martindale; his brothers Joe and Mark Fernandez; his father, José Fernandez; and many friends, including Emma and Frances.

A funeral mass for David will be said at Most Holy Redeemer Church on January 30, 1993. Please call 922-0540 for details. Donations to Most Holy Redeemer Support Group, 4321 18th St., SF, 94114 or AmFAR will be appreciated. ▼

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### Leland M. Toy

Nov. 16, 1950-Dec. 28, 1992

Leland Toy's cowboy boots stand empty as his family and friends mourn his passing on December 28. He two-stepped his way into the hearts of many, from scruffing his leather soles as a member of the Desert Valley Squares in Phoenix in the recent past to travelling across the country on his motorcycle — "The Snail" — in the early 1980s. His fervor for life is symbolized in the multi-faceted memories we all have of him. The Bay Area was his home since the late sixties and remains home to many friends he cultivated; a variegated group bound together by Lee Toy's ability to connect with each of us. Since 1987 he made his home in Scottsdale, AZ from where he produced kits and banners that enhanced the skies from San Francisco to Thailand. As the author of *Flight Patterns*, a book written to supplement a TV series he did for PBS on kite-making, he delighted in making kites and kite-making accessible to all. He waged a courageous battle against AIDS and was a very active participant in his health maintenance. His final months were spent with his mom and loving family assisting him in his home health care along with the continued help and wonderful support of his cousin Judy Wong and good friend Bob Sampson. This combination of helping hands enabled Lee to maintain a certain amount of independence from the medical establishment and to live his final days as he wished — with dignity.

In Phoenix he was a founding member of Body Positive and lent his organizational skills towards the empowerment of the group. After moving from San Francisco to Arizona he continued to support GAPA, the Gay Asian Pacific Alliance, with the artistic contribution of his banners for the Gay Pride Parade. In celebration of Lee Toy there will be a global kite fly on March 21, all are encouraged to bring a kite and their memories to the Marina Green in San Francisco or to fly a kite on that day, around noonish, in whatever time zone they find themselves to be. ▼

### John Thomas Porter

Aug. 7, 1947-Nov. 24, 1992

John died peacefully at the home of his sister, Ann Pietrzak, in Gettysburg, PA. John changed the lives of many people and leaves a long list of those who mourn his passing. Among those are his companion Omar Arevalo; parents Mary Elizabeth McKee and E. Lee Porter of Wayne, PA; sister and brother-in-law Ann and Frank Pietrzak of Gettysburg, PA; daughter Laura Porter of Phoenix, Arizona and many other friends worldwide.

John graduated from New Mexico Highland University with a B.S. in Economics. After leaving the Air Force, he settled in Boise, where he met his companion of many years, Robert Gossett. John and Robert moved to Eugene, then San Francisco in the early 1980s. Robert died of AIDS-related complications in 1990.

John loved many things: his home/recreation in Puerto Escondido, Oaxaca, trains and train travel, photography, his travels to Europe and Asia, art collecting, his pig Betty Sue (get off her, Sam!) and a lively party. Occasionally, his friends wished he might learn to eat more than hot dogs, hamburgers, white bread and canned corn, but he never wavered, despite the kidding. John is deeply missed. He brought light and life to many of us. He was grateful for the enduring support he received from many, but especially grateful for the care given to him by his sister, Ann, and his companion, Omar. John, we love you and miss you terribly.

A celebration and remembrance of John will be held on February 13 from 6-8 p.m. Please RSVP to 626-6810 or 239-2990. ▼

### Roy Donald Yingling, Jr.

April 26, 1943-Jan. 21, 1993

Don died at home during the early morning hours of Thursday, January 21, after a long battle with AIDS.

Don had a fiercely independent spirit and an unwavering commitment to living life fully. Don's wry sense of humor, his openness, his modesty, and his kindness will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

A true scientist, Don saw the world as a place of discovery and wonder. Don loved the outdoors and was an accomplished photographer and home remodeler. He was also passionate about classical music and animals.

Born and raised in Dallas, Don worked in the engineering department of Texas Instruments in Dallas and later at Rockwell International in Anaheim. In 1979, Don moved to San Francisco with David Williamson, his partner at the time. Don spent the following 14 years as a technical engineer and electronics researcher at the Xerox Research Center in Palo Alto. Don received numerous professional awards and contributed articles to a variety of engineering journals. In 1992, he was part of a team of Xerox researchers who developed an award-winning design for a new color laser printer.

Don's mother Lucienne and his sisters Kathryn and Nancy surrounded and supported him during the last months of his life. Their love and devoted care enabled Son to remain at home during the course of his illness.

In addition to his family, Don is survived by a circle of loving friends and co-workers.

In keeping with Don's wishes, friends and family will gather on the afternoon of Saturday, January 30, for a celebration of Don's life. Please call 824-1820 for details. Don's family asks that memorial donations be made to the Shanti Project, 525 Howard St., San Francisco, 94105.

"I cannot think of a better achievement" Don once wrote, "than to live with dignity." Living with dignity is just one of the many achievements for which we will remember Don Yingling.

### Robert (Bob) S. Ehrenberg

Dec. 7, 1945-Jan. 16, 1993

Bob moved to a higher spiritual plane at home in San Francisco on Saturday, January 16, 1993. Loving memories of him continue to live through his mother, Dorothy Ehrenberg of North Miami Beach; brothers Phil and Charles, both of Longmeadow, Mass.; nieces Ellen of Denver and Beth of Boston; nephews Scott of Providence, R.I. and David of Longmeadow; his soulmate and companion for 19 years, Kerv, of San Francisco; and the many friends whose lives he touched in his own special way.

He attended Wilbraham Monson Academy, received a B.S. degree in accounting from George Washington University, Washington, D.C. and served his country in the Army from 1969-72 with a tour in Vietnam 1969-70. In June 1973, Bob chose to make San Francisco his home. Like many San Franciscans, he truly fell in love with the city. He enjoyed traveling the world, reading, loving, and had much respect by many of his peers South of Market. Bob had no regrets and lived life to its fullest. He loved people and he loved life. His motto: "No matter what happens — keep smiling!" His smile was magic! Bob may be gone physically, but he continues to live in the hearts and souls of those who were fortunate to know him. Memorial contributions may be made in Bob's name to the San Francisco AIDS Foundation, P.O. Box 426182, San Francisco, CA 94102. ▼

### Scott Lindstrom

Aug. 18, 1952-June 19, 1991

Scott passed away from AIDS almost two years ago. He was born in Norwalk, Connecticut, and graduated college from the University of Connecticut with a degree in Drama & Arts.

Scott waited tables in every beach resort from Provincetown to Key West. Later he moved to Sun Valley, then Vail, Colorado, where he taught aerobics and skied. Scott's last years were spent in San Francisco where he worked at the Zuni Cafe.

Scott had a lot of friends. He was the funniest person I had ever met. We all miss him ... his mother Betty Grey, his friend Lynn Ebinger.

Anyone who knew Scott or knows how to get a hold of some of Scott's friends, please call me. I am trying to put together a long overdue memorial service on his birthday this summer. Peter Greene — 552-3312. ▼

### Daniel Flynn

Sept. 23, 1955-Dec. 22, 1992

Daniel came to San Francisco in 1987 from New York and worked in a law firm here as an executive secretary. He contributed his considerable skills with people and paper to the AIDS newsletter, Radiant Light Ministries, Project Open Hand and a

diverse group of friends. He gave generously of his time and talents to help us develop the light he saw in us. The last two years of his life were spent living with AIDS with fewer T-cells than believed necessary for such tenacity, exuberance and dedication to developing old, new and latent talents and interests.

We last celebrated with him here in April when he left on an adventure and vision quest in India. He returned from India to his childhood home in Titusville, Florida in June, where he spent his final months with his loving parents, Helen & Herb Flynn, his brother, Herb II, and his wife.

We remember him with love as a beautiful person with exquisite taste, witty laugh, artist's eye and determined will. From the medical difficulties he reported to us by phone, one of his most important legacies has been the advancement of understanding of AIDS in the Titusville area.

"The kingdom of heaven is within." ▼

### James Edward Riordan, Jr.

Sept. 14, 1952-Jan. 14, 1993

The city lost one of its great acid wits with the passing of "Miss Thing." Born in San Francisco and raised in Corte Madera, Jim was a true child or Marin known for his eclectic tastes in spirituality, cloths, lexicon and friends. Miss Thing was a fixture at the Castro Country Club where his sharp tongue, quick wit and creative vocabulary were legendary.

Jim worked as a waiter for many years, most recently at Regina's and the upscale Sherman House Hotel.

As a grateful member of Alcoholics Anonymous for over seven years, Jim valued his sobriety as all important. A.A. provided him with a rich network of friends by whom he will surely be missed.

Jim's great joys in life included mayonnaise, television, massage, Tibetan Buddhism, Auntie Mame and his kitty "Tox."

He is survived by his parents, Ruth and Jim of Rhonert Park; siblings Linda, Sally, Coleen and Patrick.

He will be greatly missed by his roommate of seven years, Garrett, his oldest friends Willy and Jamie and countless other friends at the Castro Country Club and throughout the Bay Area.

A memorial service is to be held at Most Holy Redeemer Church, 100 Diamond St., Saturday, January 30 at 1:30 p.m.; reception to follow at his home, 267 Warren Drive. For further information call Garrett, 731-5372.

Special thanks to Brad, Nicolas, Mark, Terry, Gerry and David. ▼

### Edward Meade Smith

Oct. 30, 1940-Jan. 18, 1993

Our beloved friend, Ed Smith, passed away at the Garden Sullivan Hospital at 2:20 p.m. on January 18. He is survived by his brother, Jerome C. Smith; his partner, Robert E. Smith, and many close friends and relatives here in the Bay Area and around the world.

Ed was raised in Silver Spring, MD, and moved to San Francisco in 1964. He continued working here for the Bell System, and retired from Pacific Bell in 1988 as Product Manager for Centrex after 27 years of service. During his years in San Francisco, Ed bought a number of Real Estate Investments in San Francisco, and continued to work on them while maintaining a home in Sacramento. In the early 70s, Ed was also one of the many owners of the infamous Folsom Street Barracks. Ed always enjoyed a good party!

He shared his considerable success by being a strong presence in the social and artistic communities of our city. He was a former member of the St. Francis Club, and an active member of MAX. He owned several vintage cars and was a member of the Freewheelers. Ed loved to travel, and has many wonderful friends in Germany and Sweden. His first love was the San Francisco Opera where he had three Friday night seats for 25 years, and was a member of the Medallion Society. He also supported the San Francisco Symphony, San Francisco Ballet, American Ballet Theatre, Theatre Rhinoceros, and the Music Program and Organ Fund at Grace Cathedral. He produced a number of Virgil Fox Organ Concerts here in the Bay Area, and was a former board member of Dance Spectrum. He truly was a Patron of the Arts.

Ed was a bright, caring and generous man whose warm personality will be very sorely missed by his friends, and surely by his cats whom he loved very dearly. We have planned a very simple memorial service in his honor at Grace Cathedral on February 6 at 3 p.m.

My dearest friend, we miss you so much, and will always be with you. ▼

## Obituaries

### Robert Benjamin Buie

Feb. 6, 1942-Jan. 10, 1993

Ben passed away peacefully at Ralph K. Davies Hospital at 7:50 p.m. on Sunday, January 10. Everyone that come in contact with Ben in his lifetime was touched in a wonderful, positive way. With the most intense blue eyes and a knowing smile, Ben led a peaceful and caring life. Ben Buie graduated with Honors from the University of Texas at Austin in 1965. He also studied at the University of Munich in Germany and at Sorbonne in Paris, France. Many thanks go out to these people who cared for Ben so much: Dr. Roger Neger and his wife, Loraine; John Kopchak; The AIDS Foundation; Carolina and Emil Zollinger; Wally Bets. Many thanks go out to the staff at Ralph K. Davies in their care of Ben.

Ben was a native of Texas. Ben is survived by his loving partner and caregiver, Ted France; his sister Brenda Buie Menton of Euless, Texas; his cousins Pam Osgood of San Francisco, CA; and Ginger Miles of N.Y., N.Y.; his Uncle Victor Buie of Beverly Hills, CA; and many other friends who loved him very much.

A celebration of Ben's life will be held in the home of Pam Osgood at 349 Church Street, between 15th and 16th streets, here in San Francisco on Saturday, February 6, at 2 p.m. This day is Ben's birthday, please bring thoughts, stories and yourselves.

If you would like to donate any contributions, please make them to the S.F. AIDS Foundation, P.O. Box 426182, SF, CA 94142. ▼

### Bob Rector

Bob Rector — 34 years of friendship. Bob has been our friend through thick and thin. Bob, an enigma, flew away a few days ago.

Some of us who are still alive, remember seeing him on his motorcycle carrying his favorite puppy-dog Peter in a bushel basket that was tied to the seat of the cycle; him dropping in for Sunday brunch, not liking anything more fancy than eggs and potatoes; him secretly dropping a kitten at my front door step with a note: "I'm a little wif lost in the San Francisco fog."

Bob served honorably in the Navy. He worked for the Navy after he was discharged. He would have been discharged dishonorably had the Navy known he was gay. Bob was honorable. Bob was gay.

Bob gave joy, singing for the San Francisco Civic Chorale.

He is missed and loved by his family and his friends, straight and gay.

Bob has finally joined his lover Gerard Stafford. Jerry was one of the first with AIDS to leave us. May the two of them be happy once again. ▼

### Paul Phillips

Oct. 23, 1954-Jan. 23, 1993

Paul Phillips died Saturday, January 23, weeks sooner than he had expected and days short of realizing his year-long goal of living to see the 1993 Super Bowl. His sudden departure preempted goodbyes from many dear friends and family members and left more than a few of us with final words of love undelivered.

Although Paul's last few years had been saddened by the loss of his only brother to AIDS and by his own diminished health, his days were unusually happy. He had a talent for smiling that brought those around him into a charmed circle, intimate enough for a single friend or broad enough for an adoring audience. That magic power to transfer his own smile to surrounding faces never waned, and those fortunate enough to visit him in the last days wore smiles as bright as any he had ever given.

We will all remember Paul with love, and our lives, and the lives of his loving parents, Arthur and Estelle Phillips, will be forever brightened by the memory of his smile. ▼

### Ben Yow

Sept. 26, 1944-Jan. 20, 1993

Ben finished things up and went to join Dennis Haney for an extended ski and wind surfing excursion. Ben came to this planet to help people find love, show people how to leave fear in the dust, and give people permission to follow their dreams. He is fondly remembered by many families of the developmentally disabled, his ski students, and others that he emulated.

Ben was best at creating his own unique sense of reality. He disarmed all that came into his sphere of influence, and his energy was infectious. Ben used his powers for good and left a piece of himself in the hearts of many.

He left few material possessions because he could only take knowledge and unconditional love with him on this adventure. After two years of packing, the celestial movers came to collect an uncountable number of steamer trunks of psychic valuables. Known as a light packer while here, he took no chances as he prepared to enter the tunnel.

He greatly appreciated the love and care provided by Ward 86, Ward 5A, and the Visiting Nurses and Hospice. Shanti and Project Open Hand are appreciated for the care they provided with unconditional love.

Orson, Patch, and Sophie deeply miss the leader of their pack and provided Ben with 24-hour companionship. Ben leaves his final life partner Ken McNeelge, and his soulmates Leanne Rhodes and Joan Owen. He also leaves his son Josh Stehlick, his brother Joe, and his father Clifford. ▼

### Rodolfo Hernandez

(Jose Armando)

March 22, 1966-Jan. 1993

A native of Bayamon, P.R., who lived

in S.F. with his lover, Rodolfo passed away peacefully on January 10, 1993 at 5 a.m. in SFGH's Ward 5A from complications from AIDS due to an eight-month battle with high-grade non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. He is survived by his lover, Terry; parents Lucy and Rodolfo R.; siblings Edwin and Lucille; favorite Aunt Lux Maria; paternal grandmother, Mary; aunts, uncles, cousins, familial neighbors and friends in S.F., L.A., San Diego, Sacramento, and England. Mr. Hernandez was buried on January 15 (M.L. King's birthday) outside of San Juan, P.R. He was an avid music and comedy fan and loved to repair all kinds of electronic equipment.

Rodolfo was a gay porn star and exotic performer under the name of Jose Armando and headlined in 1991 at the Campus Theatre, and performed at the Tea Room Theatre from September '91 through May '92. He was featured in over 21 films, such as *For Sale by Owner, Man Talk, Men: Skin & Steel, Overseas Trade, Real Men of the New West, Sex School* (uncertified), *Traffic School, Uncut Gems, Uncut Fever 2* and *Up and Over* to name a few.

His sweet gentle nature, gorgeous smile, soft lips and erotic abilities will be missed by all. Memorial Services to be held in San Francisco, date yet undetermined. Please call Terry Henderling at (415) 824-3449 for information. Donations in his name may be made to Project Open Hand, Shanti, The Center for Positive Care, Wards 86 and 5A at SFGH, Fundacion AIDS de Puerto Rico, Box 4842, San Juan, P.R. 00936.

Many thanks to the staffs of Wards 86, 5A, UC's Radiation Clinic and especially Drs. Molly Cooke and Lawrence Kaplat at Ward 86. ▼

### Nicholas Hobbs



Go on, girl ...

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### Rex L. Walker

Aug. 9, 1949-Jan. 23, 1993

Our wonderful friend, Rex L. Walker II, was born at Lamar, Colorado and left us in San Francisco after a brief battle with AIDS. A memorial service will be held for him on Friday, January 29 from 1-5 p.m. at 370 Church Street, Apt. F. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Rex's memory to Project Open Hand, 2720 17th St., SF 94110 or Shanti Project, 525 Howard St., SF 94105.

Rex's creativity was exhibited through his many careers. After taking a degree in Political Science from the University of Denver, Rex met success in the fields of Cosmetology, Floral Arranging and Computer Sciences. As a programmer, he helped develop the computer systems still being used by the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta. Rex settled in San Francisco in 1980 where he worked for Blue Shield of California as a supervisor of internal data resources.

Those of us who were fortunate to know Rex will always remember his fascination with nature, his love of animals, his interest in technology, his strength of character and adherence to his personal principles. Rex's appreciation of quality and detail were reflected in his hobbies orchids and carnivorous plants, his salt-water aquaria and his Persian cats.

Rex is survived by his lover of 8½ years, Kenne McClurg and his parents, Mr. & Mrs. R.L. Walker of Lamar, Colorado; his brother Bill; his cousin Georanne Kirk; plus many, many close friends. We will miss you Rex!!! ▼

### John Richard Perry

April 5, 1956-Jan. 24, 1993

On Sunday, January 24, John passed away, leaving us with many wonderful memories of his music and humor, after a gallant struggle with AIDS. Originally from Merrick, New York, John made his home in San Francisco in 1981 after receiving his master's degree in music from Indiana University (Bloomington). He shared his beautiful voice while performing with the San Francisco Symphony chorus and the San Francisco Opera Chorus. Preferring to perform for friends, John went on to other endeavors, and was last employed by San Francisco State University.

John had a joy for living which he expressed in his love of animals, sports and travel. We wish him peace and happiness in his final voyage. John is survived by his companion, Mike Jones, and their cats Bud and Lily; his parents, Lester and Marry Parry; sister Ann Parry; and nieces Susan and Lauren; brother and sister-in-law Louis and Sarah Parry; aunts Cleonice Tavani and Harriet Burke. Contributions in John's memory can be made to your favorite AIDS charity. ▼

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### Edgar Ernest Smith

Aug. 21, 1955-May 13, 1992

Edgar passed into the light on May 13, 1992, in the company of his mother, lover and friends. He died peacefully after a long and courageous struggle with AIDS. He left his childhood home in Shreveport, Louisiana, to pursue a career in the U.S. Army Special Forces. In 1988 he retired to San Francisco, where he studied computer science at San Francisco State University.

His relaxed charm and ready laughter endeared him to a wide and diverse circle of friends with whom he shared four years of life in his favorite city. He was blessed, over the years, with the love of three men: Etienne, Dick, and Henry, all of whom have died of AIDS.

Edgar formed friendships and opinions with equal ease, and held firmly to both. He loved life, lived fully, and died bravely. He will be deeply missed by his friends, his family, and his beloved cat, Gabrielle. Until we meet again, Edgar. ▼

### "Mr. G.D.I."

James A. Leuer, aka "Golda"

Born March 13, 1938 — Died January 10, 1993

Baptized March 27, 1938; High School, Buffalo, NY

Service: USN, August 22, 1957 - August 21, 1961.

USNR, August 21, 1961 - August 21, 1963.

Moved to San Francisco 1973.

Founding member SFGDI Club, January, 1974. President, SFGDI Club: 1975-76; 1980-81; 1990-91.

President, S.F. Forum. Chairman, Inter-Club Fund of San Francisco.

President Emeritus, SFGDI Club, Jan 92-Jan 93. Star performer, SFGDI Club's annual "A Date at Minsky's," Run Shows, and Casualty Capers, 1975-1990.

Well-known and much-loved by many, many friends and admirers in the San Francisco Gay community, both North and South of Market, his circle of friends included people from coast to coast, Canada, Europe and Australia. He was a respected member of the leather community and a tireless worker in its endeavors for charitable causes.

Jim loved life and lived it to its fullest. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

At Jim's request, there will be no service, and his ashes will be scattered at sea. Rest in Peace, Jim!

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### Anthony M. Wilson

April 23, 1961-Nov. 23, 1992

On Monday, November 23, at 7:30 p.m., Tony our great friend died peacefully in the home he grew up in as a child in Ukiah, California.

Tony's avid love for life and nature were apparent through his collection of mice of many different shapes and sizes, which also were with him at his side.

He graduated in 1980 from Ukiah High. During the last years of HS, he worked for CDF in Mendocino Co. He then continued on as a bus driver for Sonoma County Transit in Santa Rosa (his first love). He was employed by Smith, Barney, Harris, Upham, Inc., of San Francisco.

Tony will always be remembered for his bold and fiery way of getting to the point and getting things accomplished. Most of all, he will be remembered for his beautiful and caring heart.

He is survived by his parents, Ferdinand and Elma Wilson, also his sister Melanie Myers, all of Ukiah. In Santa Rosa he is survived by longtime loving companion and friend Vidal Velasquez.

The twinkle in his eyes will forever be missed, love that conquers all is love that never ends. ▼



# Lesbian Rape: What Part of 'No' Didn't She Understand?

by Erin Solaro

While it is well-known that the vast majority of rapists are male heterosexuals, dangers of rape exist in the gay community as well. And what is perhaps least known is that there are many documented cases of rape perpetrated by lesbians against lesbians — raising painful issues that must be frankly addressed.

A case in point: in June 1991, Mary Beth Flournoy (all names but hers, which is used with permission, are pseudonyms) of Washington, D.C. was raped by her friend "June." Flournoy is 30, a graduate student, and former professional dancer.

Flournoy and June were both in long-term relationships; they and their partners were all friends; and Flournoy also projects an assertive image. For these reasons, she thought she was safe with June.

During June's attack, Flournoy said she repeatedly insisted they couldn't have sex. June would agree. Flournoy, who was desperate to negotiate a nonviolent ending that would preserve their friendship, would relax. June would then assault Flournoy, forcing her to fight June off again. During her attacks, June said she was butchier than Flournoy, that Flournoy needed to be taken down, and that she, June, was going to do it.

"If I said 'no' once," Flournoy recalls, "I said it a hundred times. If I pushed her away once, I pushed her away a hundred times."

Finally, emotionally and physically exhausted by June's continued attacks and afraid of hurting someone who had been her friend, Flournoy surrendered. At that point, June raped her.

Although an older lesbian friend had warned Flournoy years earlier that women sometimes rape other women, and she knew it wasn't sex, she didn't know what the first assault was. Her confusion was typical. According to the 1988 *Ms.* magazine study of date and acquaintance rape, only 27 percent of the women whose sexual assaults met the

legal definition of rape thought of themselves as rape victims.

## Another case

On February 28, 1989, "Fran Dixon" was raped by "Jen," a friend of a colleague. Now in her late twenties, Dixon works at a social service agency. She had moved to the Washington metropolitan area only three months before she was raped. She didn't have many friends when she accepted a co-worker's invitation to have dinner with her and her friend Jen.

After dinner, Dixon felt safe, so she started partying with them. When all three women were quite drunk, they decided that since Dixon couldn't drive, she should spend the night with them. That was fine, Dixon said, because she knew she couldn't drive home safely.

After the co-worker passed out on the couch, according to Dixon, Jen decided Dixon would share the bed with her. Dixon then passed out. She awoke in pain to find Jen had stripped her and was raping her. She told Jen to stop, and Jen did.

Dixon said she passed out again. The next morning, she realized she was bleeding and asked Jen what had happened.

"Oh, that happens sometimes," said Jen. Although she wanted to pursue the subject with Jen, Dixon said she went to work because Jen promised to call her. It was painful for her to sit and by the end of the day, Dixon realized what Jen had done to her was wrong.

Although Dixon didn't have the words to tell her lover what had been done to her, she was able to write an account. At first, her lover thought she'd had sex with Jen and got very angry. But Dixon was able to explain that she hadn't asked for it. Her lover got even angrier, this time at Jen, and told Dixon to call the Rape Crisis Center. She did.

Flournoy's confusion was more extreme. The day after June raped her, Flournoy went to speak to her about what she'd done and June

According to the 1988 *Ms.* magazine study of date and acquaintance rape, only 27 percent of the women whose sexual assaults met the legal definition of rape thought of themselves as victims

raped her again.

The *Ms.* survey found that women who were raped had a mean average of 2.02 episodes; men who committed rape said they had done the behavior to the same woman a mean average of 2.29 times. As was noted above, most women whose experiences meet the legal definition of rape don't realize they were raped. The attacks against Flournoy and Dixon didn't meet that legal definition.

## Fisting is a misdemeanor

Both women were raped in the District of Columbia. Flournoy says June raped her with her hand, and Dixon says she's almost positive Jen did also, although she has very little memory of her rape. D.C. law considers stripping and fisting an unwilling woman until she bleeds to be simple assault, a misdemeanor with a penalty of less than a year in jail.

Like most rape survivors, neither woman reported her rape to the police.

The day after she was raped the second time, Flournoy confronted June. "You took advantage of me and the situation," she said. June replied: "Don't tell me you didn't want it. I know

what no means."

"I'm sure my perpetrator thinks of what happened as just rough sex," Flournoy says. In all likelihood, she's right. The *Ms.* survey defined rape as vaginal intercourse between male and female, and anal intercourse, fellatio, and cunnilingus and found that "84 percent of the men who committed rape said that what they did was definitely not rape." Since June and Jen didn't commit rape as legally defined, there's an even greater chance they don't regard their crimes as rape.

Neither Flournoy nor Dixon now have any doubt that they were raped, although it wasn't easy for them to accept it.

Dixon said it took her two years to recognize without a doubt that she'd been raped, two years during which she blamed herself continuously for another woman's crime.

While Dixon said it never occurred to her to go to anyone but the Rape Crisis Center, and she called almost immediately, Flournoy called several weeks later, on the advice of many women.

Because she was a lesbian who had been raped by another, Flournoy said she wasn't certain if the center offered appropriate services for her. It did.

Three years later, Dixon says she still has unresolved issues about touch. She comes from a close family and she had enjoyed touch and intimacy. She says that her rapist (like Flournoy's) took those pleasures from her, as well as the innocence with which she approached life. She had cherished that, and its loss was hateful to her.

## Shame, guilt, and support

Mary Beth Flournoy was so traumatized by her rape that she still hasn't had a pelvic exam; nevertheless, she believes her cervix was bruised by June's violence. To this day, she feels ashamed and guilty that in the course of a normally developing friendship, the more boundaries June crossed, the easier and safer it was for her to rape Flournoy.

Both women joined support groups of heterosexual women who had been raped by men. They said they didn't think they could have handled being in an all-lesbian support group; that they are now afraid of lesbians and uncomfortable being around groups of them.

Flournoy and Dixon were initially uncomfortable about the reactions of the heterosexual women. But like their families, the members of their support groups were much more supportive of them than the lesbian women they knew, with the exception of their partners. Flournoy says her partner of six years, Deborah Riley, has been "like [her] lifeline" for the past year and a half.

Flournoy and her assailant were part of a larger group of couples who were friends. She lost five of her friends because they couldn't handle the fact that she had been raped by another woman. One of them told her she'd participated in her own rape.

In contrast, she says, June lost perhaps one friend who was repelled by her crime.

Since Dixon was relatively new to the area, she didn't have an established network of friends she thought she could rely upon and who suddenly abandoned her. When she found herself around unsupportive people, it was easier for her to walk away from them. Since she's prominent in the community, she says it's also much more difficult for people to discount her assault, at least to her face.

A "Speaking Out" workshop for survivors of female-on-female rape was held on September 24, 1992. Eight women attended, none of them from Whitman Walker Clinic (the largest gay and lesbian social service agency in the Washington metropolitan area) or the law enforcement profession.

Dixon said, "I was cognizant that [female on female rape] could occur, but I didn't think it could occur outside of relationships. I was confused. I knew it wasn't sex but I couldn't conceive of rape in that context. I had always thought of women as safe."

From the low attendance at her workshop, it appears that most other people think so too.

FBI Uniform Crime Report statistics undermine that belief.

## Some statistics

Some 30,350 people were arrested for forcible rape in 1991: 98.7 percent, or 29,964, were male; 386, or 1.3 percent, were female. 82,228 arrests were made for other sex crimes, including statutory rape, offenses against chastity, common decency, morals and the like, and specifically excluding forcible rape, prostitution, and commercialized vice. While 93 percent of those arrested were male, 7 percent, or 5,788, were female.

The UCR definition of rape specifies a female victim and a male perpetrator, and charges those who aid, abet, conspire, solicit, or act as accessories to any crime with that crime for statistical purposes. UCR statistics don't reveal the sex of the victims or whether offenders act of their own free will. They do establish that women sexually abuse other people.

## Grossly underreported

Furthermore, Denise Snyder of the D.C. Rape Crisis Center suspects female-on-female rape isn't nearly as common as male-on-female rape, but she says with certainty that it's grossly underreported.

In 1989, Dr. Waterman and two collaborators published "Sexual Coercion in Gay Male and Lesbian Relationships: Predictors and Implications for Support Services" in *The Journal of Sex Research*. They found that 5.9 percent of the men and 8.3 percent of the women forced their current or most recent partners to have sex against their will. 12.1 percent of the men and 30.6 percent of the women had been forced to have sex against their will by their current or most recent partners.

The study didn't draw on a (Continued on page 28)

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# Bigots Stripped of St. Pat's Parade in New York ...

By William M. Reilly

NEW YORK (UPI) - Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly awarded a permit on January 8 to the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, Inc., the group that said it would include gay and lesbian marchers in this year's parade.

The action strips the permit from the St. Patrick's Day Parade Inc., which stirred controversy last year by banning the Irish Lesbian and Gay Organization (ILGO) from participating in the parade.

The group is a descendant of the traditional sponsor, the Ancient Order of Hibernian's St. Patrick's Day Parade and Celebration Committee.

"This is what we wanted," said Anne Maguire, a spokeswoman for ILGO. "Hopefully this is the end of it, hopefully the whole issue is resolved for good. This is third time lucky. This is the third time ILGO has tried to get into the parade officially, so hopefully, third time lucky."

Kelly said his ruling was partly based on the October 27 decision of the city's Commission on Human Rights, that the 1992 sponsors violated the city Human Rights Law by excluding the ILGO" and ordered the Hibernians to offer ILGO admission to the 1993 parade.

He said that he awarded the permit to the group he

felt "has the most broad-based representation."

The winning Parade Committee coordinator, Michael Keogh, said the committee was formed in November "dedicated to inclusion and pledged to include all applicants, those with past affiliation and those on last year's waiting list because all of us are united by our glorious Irish heritage."

Members of the losing Parade and Celebration Committee could not immediately be reached for comment.

The AOH refused to allow a gay group to march under its own banner, saying the parade was a Catholic-oriented event and homosexuality conflicted with their religious teachings.

The ban has generated lawsuits, publicity, and controversy over the last few years.

In 1991 Dinkins marched with a dissident AOH division that allowed ILGO to join in, but he refused to join the parade last year because gays were forbidden.

Kelly said three groups had applied for a permit to organize the famous Fifth Avenue parade, last year's sponsor, this year's designated sponsor and an obscure entrant known only as the Brooklyn Night Court Emerald Society, Inc.

The 232nd annual parade will take on March 17. ▼

## ...But St. Pat's Spat's Alive in Beantown

United Press International

BOSTON — A Massachusetts Supreme Court justice is considering a request from organizers of Boston's annual St. Patrick's Day Parade to bar gay groups from marching again this year.

Attorneys for the South Boston Allied War Veterans' Council asked the court January 7 for permission to exclude lesbians and gays from this year's event. A gay contingent did march last year under court order.

The veterans' council argued that it is a private organization, and because it no longer has any financial ties to the city, should be able to bar any groups it wants to from the parade. It also voted to ban any group "with a sexual theme" from marching in this year's parade.

The Irish-American Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Gay Pride Committee was allowed to take part in last year's march because a court

ruled city funds were used to help pay for the event.

"The council voted, and as far as we're concerned, that's it," said Chester Darling, a lawyer for the council.

However, GLIB vowed that it would march in this year's event.

The council also argued before the court that the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination should not be allowed to intervene on behalf of the gay group.

The MCAD last month issued a preliminary finding that there was probable cause that the council was discriminating against the gays and lesbians, and scheduled a hearing for later this month.

The veterans are seeking to prevent the MCAD from holding the hearing, saying the state agency "has no authority to force its values into the parade."

Justice Francis O'Connor gave no indication when he might rule on the issue. ▼

# New York Mayor Backs Domestic Partner Legislation

United Press International

NEW YORK — Mayor David Dinkins, in a change of heart, endorsed a bill January 7 to grant city workers in gay and other unmarried relationships the same employment benefits enjoyed by married employees.

At the same City Hall news conference, flanked by activists for the disabled and elderly as well as gay leaders, Dinkins also announced two executive orders supporting city workers in unmarried relationships, effective March 1. One order established a city registry where unmarried couples could file notice of their relationship with the city clerk, who would issue them a certificate "suitable for framing," said Daniels. The other order extended apartment succession rights, city hospital and jail visitation rights, and unpaid childcare leave to city workers in registered domestic partnerships. It also continued bereavement leave for such couples, as was granted by former Mayor Edward Koch.

While lauded by the activists and municipal labor chief Stanley Hill, Dinkins' actions later were criticized as too timid for not also ordering health insurance and other financial perks for unmarried city workers.

In the past, Dinkins has said such benefits for city workers had to be won at the bargaining table, but at his

January 7 press conference he blamed the state insurance superintendent, who has ruled that insurers cannot be forced to write policies that include domestic partners.

"So today, I have sent a letter to Superintendent Salvatore Curiale asking him to review and reconsider that decision. It is time for us to become more aggressive and more creative in seeking a solution to this issue," he said.

Longtime gay rights activist Eleanor Cooper called the action "historic" and commended Dinkins, as did numerous City Councilmembers, Manhattan Borough President Ruth Messinger, and city Controller Elizabeth Holtzman.

"I did examine the issue of cost," Holtzman said. "The city of Seattle extended health care coverage, including dental care to domestic partners in May 1990 ... health care costs were increased only 1.6 percent."

Dinkins for months resisted pressure by activists from the gay and disabled communities to endorse Intro. 277, which would grant broad new domestic partner benefits for city workers, but which he said would cost up to \$75 million.

Now, in an election year, prospects for the bill are considered poor, but proving that politics makes strange bedfellows, Dinkins now is pushing the bill.

Intro. 277 sponsor — and

Dinkins's rival — City Council President Andrew Stein, welcomed the mayor's support but criticized him for fighting a legal battle with a gay teachers group seeking similar gay partner employment benefits.

"The city should immediately drop its shameful opposition to the lawsuit and, as a first step toward citywide domestic partnership, grant health coverage to the partners of these city employees," Stein said.

Dinkins seemed to soften his stance in the case, saying that Assistant Corporation Counsel George Daniels was seeking a way to settle it.

Besides gay couples, the orders could help other couples who do not marry because marital status would decrease Social Security benefits.

Dinkins cited Census Bureau reports, saying there were 2.6 million households with unmarried heterosexual couples and 1.6 million with gay couples in the city.

Paula Etelbrick, an attorney for the gay legal rights group, Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, said the executive orders could help workers for private employers trying to win domestic partner benefits.

Dinkins, she said, could use more creative insurance plans to create such benefits for city workers but they could cost the city more money. ▼

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# Schindler Case May Be Delayed

By Bill Behrens

Court hearings began January 25 in Japan for U.S. Navy sailor Terry Helvey, a suspect in the brutal murder of gay seaman Allen Schindler. But the pre-trial proceedings were postponed because Charles Vins, who was arrested along with Helvey the day after the murder, was unable to testify.

"Charles Vins had an emergency appendectomy" on Saturday and thus could not testify, said Lieutenant Com-

mander Betsy Bird, speaking from Hawaii. A Navy news release said Vins "will require five-to-seven days convalescence. Vins is currently in stable condition, and doctors expect him to be medically able to testify no later than Monday [January 25]. The investigation should be completed early next week."

The hearing, similar to a grand jury proceeding in a civilian court, will decide whether or not Airman Apprentice Helvey, 20, will be charged with any crimes. If

he is, he will be court-martialed and his trial would probably be held six to eight weeks after that.

Naval Airman Vins, also 20, was court-martialed in November and convicted of three minor charges, including failure to report an offense and resisting apprehension. He was given a bad-conduct discharge and sentenced to one year of confinement. According to a deal that the Navy denies making but which other sources, including U.S. Senator Paul Simon's office, confirm, the one-year sentence has been reduced to four months in exchange for Vins' testimony against Helvey.

Vins and Helvey were stationed, along with Schindler, on the USS Belleau Wood. Schindler, a Chicago Heights gay man who had been harassed and threatened by some of his shipmates because of his sexuality, had told his superiors he was gay and was in the process of being discharged for that reason when he was beaten to death October 27. His body was found in a public bathroom near Sasebo Naval Base, a United States facility in Japan, with his face smashed beyond recognition and all but two ribs broken.

"This crime is a hate crime," wrote Peri Jude Radecic, acting executive director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, in a letter earlier this month to Zoe Baird, when Baird was still President Clinton's nominee for attorney general. "As you must know, the Naval Investigative Service has come under severe criticism for cover-ups and bungling of past in-



Robert Allen Schindler

vestigations that included Tailhook and the explosion on the USS Iowa. It would be in the best interests of Seaman Schindler and the American public to get to the bottom of this heinous crime, and the Justice Department is best equipped to conduct such an investigation."

Thus far, however, no such independent investigation appears likely, and results from any top government officials have been a mixed bag. Dorothy Hajdys, Schindler's mother, has contacted both senators Simon and Carol Moseley-Braun (D-Ill.), as well as all other senators on the Armed Services Committee, expressing concerns about the Navy's handling of the case.

"Sometimes I think [my son] won't get justice as long as the Navy's trying [Helvey]," Hajdys said. (See interview, this issue of the *Bay Area Reporter*.)

Senator Sam Nunn (D-Ga.), chairman of the committee, has declined to comment on the matter. Nunn's press secretary relayed the message via press statement that "as a matter of office policy we do not discuss cases brought to the attention of the Senate

Armed Services Committee."

Simon's office has been in contact with the Navy for some time and earlier this month confirmed that Vins was at least a witness to Schindler's murder and that his one-year sentence had been reduced. Other than that, said Simon's press secretary David Carle, "There's more to this case that we can't discuss." Carle promised "to keep tabs on the case and make sure it's moving along."

On January 18, Hajdys and representatives from the Human Rights Campaign Fund, a national gay and lesbian lobbying group, met with staff members from Moseley-Braun's office. The new senator's staff has also been in contact with the Navy, said press secretary Stacey Grundman, and as a result, Hajdys got assurances that the Navy would provide her with transcripts of the pre-trial hearing that was just postponed. (The Navy had earlier agreed to pay for Hajdys and one of Schindler's sisters to fly to Japan in the event of a trial.) "We're going to follow up on this matter with members of the Armed Services Committee," Grundman said.

After the meeting, Hajdys and her teenage son attended a candlelight vigil sponsored by Queer Nation to honor Schindler. The next day Hajdys and her son were in San Diego, where Schindler lived for more than a year, for a memorial service. Planned by the San Diego Veterans' Association, the service was held at the Metropolitan Community Church and was attended by more than 100 people, including many of Schindler's friends.

A candlelight vigil was also held January 22 in Seattle by a group of gay and lesbian veterans. ▼

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## Memorial

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lent in the military.

Symbolically joining hands around the memorial's map of the world, the mourners ranged from veteran gay and lesbian street demonstrators to decorated veterans of the service, many decked out in full military dress uniform.

"Every man or woman who joins the service realizes that they could be called upon to give their life in service to their country. Allen realized that," intoned Jim Crutchfield of the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Veterans of America.

"The one reality that no gay person even considers when they join the military is that they could be killed merely because they want to serve their country."

The demonstrators explained how Schindler, 22 at the time of his death, was stationed aboard ship in Japan and had been awaiting discharge based on his acknowledgement of his homosexuality. Before that could happen though, he was found in a bathroom near the naval base, his head beaten beyond recognition against a porcelain sink.

While two of Schindler's shipmates have been charged with the assault, one has only been found guilty of failing to report a serious crime and sentenced to four months in the brig, despite his admis-

sion of assaulting the sailor. The other was awaiting a U.S. military hearing in Japan while the vigil was taking place.

The mourners condemned the military investigation and had special criticism of the Naval Investigative Service, which is looking into the crime.

"There is no reason for Queer Nation or the gay and lesbian community to trust that the Navy will conduct an impartial investigation into this terrible murder," said Queer Nation's Michael Petrelis.

The speakers noted that the NIS is the same branch of the service that is charged with rooting out homosexuals in the military and targeting them for discharge. It is also the same agency which, during investigations into the 1989 explosion of the USS Iowa, sought to blame the tragedy on a gay love triangle gone sour rather than admit it could find no direct cause.

The NIS has since rescinded its conclusion and is facing a multi-million dollar lawsuit from the family of two sailors involved in the blast.

Hajdys noted later that she feels that the military had largely ignored her requests for information on her son's case until reporters for the Pacific edition of *Stars and Stripes* began publicizing it. Now, she noted, officials call her every week. Still, she stressed, she is not satisfied and is still looking to make

contact with friends of her late son who may have been stationed with him.

The Schindler case comes against the backdrop of the January 20 Inauguration of President Bill Clinton, who has pledged to remove the Pentagon's half-century-old ban on gays and lesbians in the uniformed service. The activists noted that the manner in which he will make good on that pledge will go a long way in framing the issue of openly gay and lesbian people in the service.

While the demonstrators are hoping the case will shed light on the need to ensure that gays and lesbians are not harassed once they "come out of the closet" or are discovered, opponents of the promised change suggest that Schindler's case could be one of many if gays are allowed to serve openly.

One demonstrator at least, however, had quite a different take on that argument.

"Allen Schindler could have been any gay man or lesbian in the military," said Margaret Cantrell of Queer Nation. "Every career person in the armed forces is in danger now because of this ban. ... But the next time I hear a heterosexual whining about feeling uncomfortable in the showers with a gay person, we need to remind them that gay people are getting killed in the showers by straight people."

"This," she stressed, "must never happen again." ▼

# Robert Allen Schindler's Mother Speaks About His Death

By Bill Behrens

Since October 27, when her son was murdered near a naval base in Japan, Dorothy Hajdys has struggled to deal not only with her son's brutal death, but with U.S. Navy officials who have been both reluctant and contradictory in providing information or assistance.

On January 7, Hajdys opened her Chicago Heights home to reporter Bill Behrens to talk about her son and her quest for justice.

**Bill Behrens: Why do you think your son was murdered?**

Dorothy Hajdys: When I asked the Navy what the motivation was, they said they didn't know.

**BB: Do you believe them?**

DH: No, because the guy [Terry Helvey] confessed the day after. The other guy [Charles Vins] took the Fifth [Amendment] until just before his court-martial.

It's hard to believe what's being done. Vins has only been sentenced to a year. You get sentenced to more than that for writing bad checks in the military.

**BB: Do you have any faith that he'll be tried later on any more serious charges?**

DH: I don't really think so; I don't know ... Vins was with [Helvey]; he watched him. He didn't do anything to help my son. Even if he feared Helvey would hit him too, he could have run to get help.

**BB: And he did none of those things, and he didn't talk about it later.**

DH: In the original report that we have, which was sent out the day of my son's death, it said there were two witnesses who saw three men fighting. It doesn't say that there were two men fighting and one man watching; it says there were three men fighting. I don't know if the witnesses changed their mind. I haven't heard a thing about them.

**BB: And the Navy says Vins was only a witness.**

DH: Right. But I can't understand how he could stand there and watch. For my son to be beaten as bad as he was beaten — you couldn't recognize him at all. The tip of his nose was all there was; his whole head was caved in. There were lacerations all over, and his ribs were broken. The guy really beat him, and I can't believe that just one guy did that. I can't understand how anyone can hate somebody so much to do that.

His brain had hemorrhaged. His lung hemorrhaged. He had two ribs that weren't broken. The body looked nothing like him — I mean, nothing like him. His neck — you know when you have a turtleneck and it's layered? That's how his neck was. And it was purple. His neck was purple, even with the makeup that they had on him, his neck was purple from the bruises.

I was on [CBS] national news with Dan Rather, and that's when I saw pictures of the bathroom.

**BB: Taken right after your son's murder, or days after?**

DH: No, with my son's blood all over. In *Navy Times* last week, there was an article that a Marine wrote about President-elect Clinton, if he was to lift the ban on homosexuals. And if a homosexual was in his barracks, he'd have to kill him. This is a Marine. The guy's gotta be sick.

I don't believe that it's right, being a homosexual. I believe that God made man and then he made woman, and that's what I believe. But if my son was homosexual, I loved him anyway. If they're saying it's OK to kill a person because they're homosexual, well in God's book, it also says it's wrong to kill. It's like saying when Hitler killed the Jews, that was fine: They were just Jews. Or when we persecuted the black people, that was OK.

**BB: It's making them less than human.**

DH: Right. And my son was a very loving person.

**BB: He had had no problems in the Navy until he got on the *Belleau Wood*, correct?**

DH: Until he got on that ship. My son was a petty officer when he was home in August; by the time of his death, he was made down to a seaman because he had gotten in trouble. He had got into trouble [for insubordination to an officer] three times in the 11 months he was on that ship.

**BB: Do you think that's related to the harassment that he and others were experiencing?**

DH: Yeah. ... The guy who came forward and said he was homosexual on the day after Allen was killed was removed from the ship immediately and put in protective custody because they feared for his life. Why didn't they remove my son? They're saying that they told my son if there were any problems for him to tell them right away, and they're saying that my son saw the chaplain several times during that period [and never said anything]. But he hated that ship; he hated being on that ship.

**BB: So you think that's why he told his superiors that he was gay?**

DH: He told us awhile back — it was over a year ago — that he was a homosexual, and I never believed him. I knew that he had friends in San Diego who were gay, and I believed that he was just confused. Everyone knows how the armed services feel about homosexuals — they're all up in arms because Clinton says he's gonna lift [the ban]. So is he [Helvey] gonna be tried right? Or is it gonna be, 'So what? He just killed another homosexual. Big deal!' Like my son wasn't a human being. He was. My son was active in the band at school; he played the sousaphone. He taught swimming his senior year; he was on the swim team. When he'd come home on leave, he'd go with his niece and nephew to school; he had monitor lizards, and he brought them with him. He wasn't a bad person.

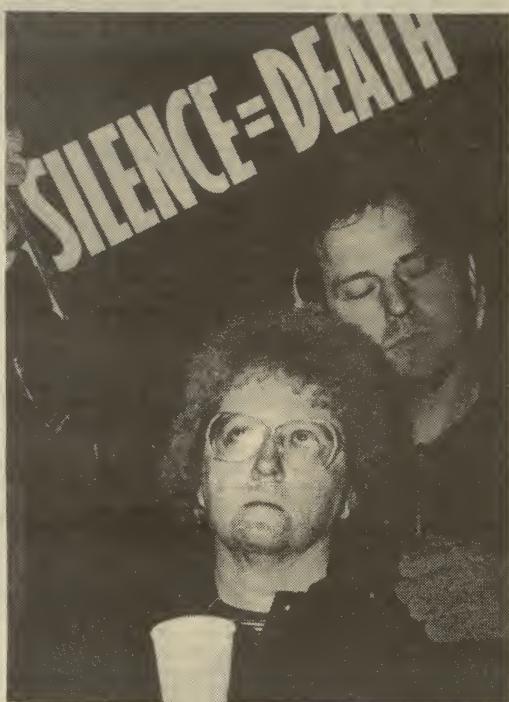
There's a lot of people out there who are terrible, and it

seems like nothing ever happens to them. And I just don't want Helvey to have a slap on the hand: 'You were a bad boy now; you really shouldn't do that.' I think he should get the maximum sentence.

**BB: You want justice.**

DH: And sometimes I think maybe [Allen] won't get justice as long as the Navy's trying [Helvey]. But maybe now, because there's so much publicity. And we've sent letters to every senator who's on the arms committee, so maybe it's not something that they can try to sweep under the rug.

All this is very painful, OK? But it's worth it if it saves one life, if there's one mother who doesn't have to go through what I'm going through. I mean, I have days when you can ask me something, and my brain will say what I want to say, but I can't even speak. I knew the night before that everything was going to break loose about him being homosexual. I had been informed by *Stars and Stripes* the day before they ran it that they were going to run it, and that was on his birthday [December 13, when Schindler would have turned 23]. And the day it was run, I couldn't even talk if you asked me a question. I was at the church for awhile, and somebody asked me if I wanted a Diet Pepsi, and I sat there for about a minute or two before I could say yes, even though I knew I wanted



Dorothy Hajdys, mother of murdered gay sailor Allen Schindler, at a Washington, D.C. vigil in his honor.

(Photo: Patsy Lynch)

to say yes. I couldn't even speak. There was one day where all I did was stutter. I would never want anyone's mother to have to go through what I'm going through.

They [the media] tell all the things about my son. Was Helvey homosexual? Was Vins? I mean, we all know nothing about them. We know that Vins comes from some town in Michigan, but we know that his parents don't live there. The only per-

son who lives there is his grandmother, and his grandmother didn't know anything about the case. His parents live somewhere in Illinois now, but we don't know where. And Helvey, he's from Eloise — and Eloise, all it's known for is an insane asylum. There's a few homes, I guess, around there, but it's known for an insane asylum. It's 30 miles south of Detroit, and there's nobody listed

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# Sex Ed for Adults – And It's Hands-on

by Dennis Conkin

Eros, the Center For Safe Sex, launched a series of ground-breaking sex education classes on January 12 at its 2510 Market Street facility.

The 17-session 'SEX/life series' features a wide variety of workshop presenters, including San Francisco Sex Information trainers Steven Brown and Robert Morgan, relationship counselor and communication expert Isadora Alman, and former Mr. International Leather Guy Baldwin. According to organizers, the series will cover a wide range of topics, such as intimacy and communications skills, tantra, massage, leather sex, anal pleasure, and health classes.

SEX/life is a radical innovation in sex education. It's designed to be totally sex-positive, expand the options of sexual possibility, provide new thrills, and enrich our sexuality within a context of sex," said Buzz Bense, Eros education director.

Bense told the *Bay Area Reporter* that the classes were designed to be affordable — and are a hands-on opportunity for members of the gay community to learn sexual skills "in a safe, friendly and supportive environment."

The classes are held on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings from 7:30-10 p.m. and on Sundays from 2-5 p.m. Class fees range from \$10-\$20 and no pre-registration is required.

"All of the instructors are experienced people who have

been doing for many years what they are teaching — because it turns them on," Bense said.

"There isn't any other place to get this information, generally," Alman, a state-licensed marriage and family counselor, told the *Bay Area Reporter*. "By and large, communication skills are not taught in school. The best kids get in junior high or high school is a Family Life class that's rather arbitrary."

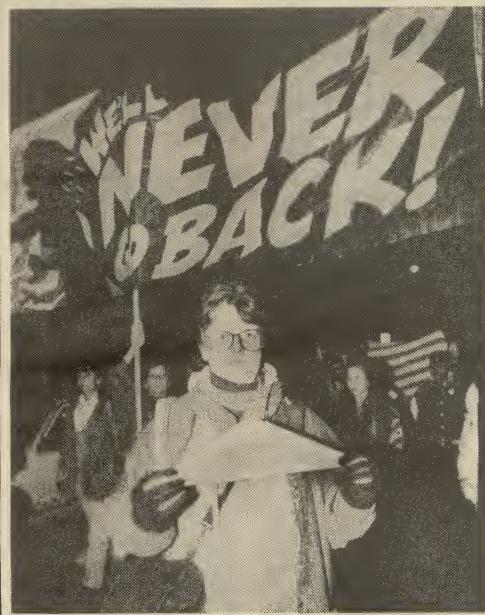
Those kids, Alman said, became adults who don't have a complete basic life education.

"Sex is just one aspect of what we call communication, albeit a major subdivision, but we talk a whole lot more than we fuck," Alman said. "There are people who really want and need these skills."

Seth Munter, the SEX/life program coordinator, agreed with Alman.

"When I learned to cook, I practiced cooking," Munter said. "When we teach people to drive, we teach them in a car. Practice builds skills, competence, and proficiency. If we are serious about changing sexual behavior, we need to develop real-life, hands-on education. Today we all need to know about health sexual practices, to open up the doors of ignorance and prejudice and share about our sex lives. We can discover new ways to make sex more satisfying, hot and more sensuous."

For more information about the classes contact EROS at (415) 864-3767. ▼



## Reproductive Rights March

More than 300 people marched in San Francisco January 22 to celebrate Clinton's actions on reproductive rights. Printed on the banner above is: "Warning, this is not a surgical instrument."

(Photo: Jane Philomen Cleland)

## Mother

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with the phone company by that name. No one seems to know anything about their family.

BB: People aren't calling their parents.

DH: Right. And I just wonder if his parents will be at the trial. In the beginning, the Navy wasn't going to send me to the trial, but after it all hit the news, I guess maybe they think it's better off to have me and my daughter Kathy over there, where they can keep an eye on us.

The Navy is saying if there's too much spat about it, there won't be a fair trial. The Navy called me from Japan to tell me that the *L.A. Times* had called them, and they said that if I don't want reporters bothering me, just to call [Japan] and they'll make you stop and leave me alone.

BB: That's an interesting offer.

DH: They didn't tell me not to speak to the press, but if I don't want to talk to you no more, they'll stop you from bothering me. Which will just hush it up.

BB: Do you think you would have gotten the offer to go to Japan at the Navy's expense if you hadn't started talking to the press?

DH: Probably I wouldn't have . . . I don't have extra money. I work for the Salvation Army, and I'm not complaining about what I make; we live. But there's no way I could afford to go there. There's no extra money for me and my daughter to fly to Japan. And I don't think I can believe anything they tell me unless I hear it myself.

BB: What's your son's connection to San Diego [where a memorial service was held January 17]?

DH: Oh, he had a lot of friends out there.

BB: Did he make these friends through the Navy?

DH: Yes.

BB: Was he stationed in San Diego?

DH: Yes. Allen lived in San Diego for over a year. I'm going there for the memorial; the veterans' group is bringing me out there.

When [the Human Rights Campaign Fund] called up first and asked me if I wanted to come to Washington, DC [for a candlelight vigil in Schindler's honor on January 18], I wasn't that excited. I always wanted to go to Washington, DC; I've never been there. But I wasn't that excited. And I knew I was going to be the whole weekend in San Diego. But then when they said they wanted me to meet the next day with the senator [Carol Moseley Braun], then I thought more. Because the more people that know and realize what I'm going through, maybe something will be done right. ▼

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## Guards Do Nothing To Stop Rape in Jail

United Press International

CHESAPEAKE, Virginia — Two young white inmates say they suffered hours of racially motivated beatings and sexual assaults in the city jail while guards did nothing to stop their attackers.

"Punching. Kicking. People jumping off tables on you. Body slams," one of the two victims told *The Virginian-Pilot of Norfolk* in an interview the newspaper published January 8.

The 18-year-old man and the other victim, a 22-year-old man, asked the newspaper not to identify them because of the nature of the alleged assaults.

They were interviewed at the Virginia Beach city jail, where authorities are holding them in a protective custody cellblock.

"They were saying, 'We don't like white men — in our block,'" the 18-year-old man said.

The two men, in interviews and in a lawsuit they filed this week in Chesapeake Circuit Court, said other inmates raped them and forced them to perform oral sex on most of the men in the cellblock. They were stripped naked and made to run a gauntlet of the other prisoners who beat them with shoes and grabbed at them, they said.

Authorities have charged five prisoners with various felonies in connection with the December 8 assaults. The victims are suing the sheriff and jail staff for \$24 million, alleging guards didn't protect them and knew it was a dangerous cellblock.

Sheriff John Newhart and his staff declined to comment on the claims due to the lawsuit, other than stating that authorities had followed proper jail procedures.

The two young men said guards didn't make the required twice-hourly rounds

that night, despite jail staff records to the contrary.

The guard's desk was within easy listening distance of the block, an unidentified trusty told the newspaper.

The two young men, facing burglary charges in Virginia Beach, were taken to the Chesapeake city jail December 7 for an overnight stay before a December 8 General District Court appearance on similar charges in Chesapeake.

The newspaper reported that when the 22-year-old man first arrived about 10 p.m., "One guy said, 'Hey, a white guy's here.'" The guard accompanying him commented that things looked bad, but the two men were largely ignored until the midnight lock-down and lights-out.

"This was a horrible situation. And it was horrible because it went on for so long. ... These guys were screaming their lungs out." ▼

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By Evan Hughes

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by Community United Against Violence Staff

Community United Against Violence's CrisisLine — (415) 333-HELP — is one of the most important resources in the Bay Area for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender victims of hate crimes. The volunteer crisis counselor is perhaps the only person available to those who have been victimized, to let callers know what their rights are, assist in getting help, and listen to the often harrowing tale of what has happened. CUAV crisis counselors also work with gay men who are abused by their partners — this may be the first time some callers have spoken about domestic violence and their first step towards escaping a life of fear.

### It Won't Always Be Easy

Working as a volunteer on the CrisisLine can be demanding; being pulled out of bed to answer a call from someone who has just been attacked by skinheads is no one's idea of a good time! But it is tremendously satisfying. As a community, we need to be there for each other, and listening to someone's pain and anger or feelings of helplessness after being bashed can be one of the most important things you can ever do.

When callers first speak to a counselor they may feel isolated, crazy, and fearful. They may not know that they can file a police report, or get a restraining order, or file a civil suit against the perpetrator. They may think that no one can understand what they are going through as a consequence of the assault they experienced. Volunteer crisis counselors are able to provide the support the caller needs. The counselor validates their feelings, points them to the resources they need, and lets them know that they are not alone. The counselors also take reports of incidents of hate violence so that CUAV can keep the world aware of how frequent these crimes against us happen.

When the telephone call is over, the counselor knows that s/he has been able to help when someone was most in need. Often callers thank the

CUAV is a non-profit agency that works to prevent hate violence against lesbians, gays, bisexuals and transgender persons and promotes personal and community safety. The agency also provides counseling, advocacy and referral to people who are bashed or who are battered in same sex domestic violence. For services or more information, call (415) 777-5500. If you are bashed or battered and need help, call our 24-hour CrisisLine at (415) 333-HELP. The agency's offices are located at 973 Market Street, Suite 500, San Francisco. ▼

## Rape

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random population or ask the respondents about sexual coercion by or of people of the same sex who weren't their current or most recent partners. However, it found the rate of forced sex in male partnerships to be very close to that inflicted on women by their current or former male spouses or lovers, which Diane E. H. Russell puts at 13 percent.

For unexplained reasons, the rate of forced sex in female partnerships was more than twice as high.

Dixon said that "[after my rape], ... I was at a loss with

counselors for their support, or write to CUAV staff letting them know what a tremendous job CUAV volunteers do. Many of the callers are referred to the client-advocates on the CUAV staff, who are able to provide short-term counseling; assist in making police reports or obtaining restraining orders; and advocate with employers, landlords or businesses. Working as a team, staff and volunteers make a tremendous difference to members of our community whose lives are impacted by violence.

### Volunteer Now!

The volunteers who work on CUAV's CrisisLine are given extensive training — about hate violence, domestic violence, and crisis counseling techniques — and hear from speakers who are survivors of violence. The next training is scheduled to begin in March and will take place on six Tuesday evenings. Volunteers are needed to staff the CrisisLine during office hours as well as when the CUAV office is closed. For people who can be available daytime, there is also an opportunity to accompany clients to court, do in-person counseling and do more in-depth work on specific cases. Women, people of color, people who speak a second language, and transgender persons are particularly encouraged to volunteer. If you are interested in making an excellent contribution to your community, call Elaine at CUAV at (415) 821-1664/(707) 542-8168

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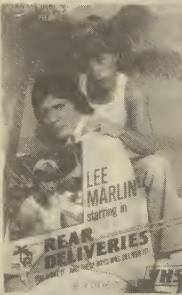
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## PEOPLE AND PERSONALS

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# Working Boys

by Roberto Friedman

**T**he burgeoning zines market, currently asserting its presence at several high-profile bookstands in town, includes two tasty San Francisco productions created by sex workers, for sex workers: *Whorezine* and *Beef! Pictorial*. These homemade alternative publications are meant to be savored by whores (their publishers' term of choice) and their clients, although their focus differs slightly.

The sixteenth issue of *Whorezine*, brainchild of activist/whore Vic St. Blaise, is out this month. Its cover features a juicy male member above the caption "Rented." St. Blaise intends his zine to be a support resource for sex workers, a group which includes strippers, dancers, and phone sex staff as well as whores — a label applied to a diverse lot, from streetwalkers and hustlers to call boys/girls and high-priced escorts. *Whorezine* is notable for its resource list of health and counseling hotlines, as well as a regular feature on "Legal Stuff," which makes sure whores know their rights if they're arrested or set up for entrapment. Previous issues have included "Dirty Tricks" lists (chiselers and no-

show clients), nutrition tips, "whorescopes," and "fashion for floozies."

*Beef! Pictorial*, put out by photographer/whore Dick Peters, is meant to be distributed by sex workers to their clients (although both zines can be found in the racks at A Different Light and Good Vibrations, among others). Peters is interested in providing a sort of consumer guide to whoredom as well as a client education manual. His pocket-sized journal features an advice column for clients (etiquette on everything from kissing to tipping) and selected photos of knockout escorts.

What follows are excerpts from a free-wheeling discussion I had with these two enterprising publishers/men-about-town, one chilly afternoon on the back patio at Josie's.

\* \* \*

*Roberto Friedman: So you guys don't mind being called whores.*

*Dick Peters: I like the term whore. It's important to reclaim it. Sex worker is a fine term, but it covers a lot besides whores ...*

*Vic St. Blaise: ... like sports figures, who won't admit it, but they're using their bodies*



to make money, which is what I do. All those fans should admit they're clients.

*Dick: When people call politicians and lawyers "whores," it gives us a bad name. "Prostitute" is a term designed by the legal system. I like "erotic masseur" myself.*

*Vic: I see myself as performing a community service. I'm promoting people getting*

over their hang-ups about sex. We're babysitters and masseurs who touch different areas of the body, somehow that's evil and it ruins property values.

*What I like about these zines is that they're opening up discussion about a previously taboo subject, even of offering consumer tips.*

**Vic:** For many people, [hiring a whore] is the first time they have to ask for what they want, and they're real nervous about it. It's good for people to know there are options besides hanging out at bars or answering personal ads — why not hire a professional? But a lot of people are still afraid of that, there's this big stigma.

**Dick:** Whores promote safe sex! We're the people who know the most about safe sex, because it's in our interest.

**Vic:** Yeah, we're professionals. And San Francisco is a very small town, you don't want to get a bad rep. If you get sick, that's time off. But it's not whores who spread HIV, it's unsafe sex. HIV doesn't spread on money!

**"When people call politicians and lawyers 'whores,' it gives us a bad name."**  
— Dick Peters

And I think HIV positives should be allowed to "work" also. It shouldn't make a difference, everyone should be practicing safe sex.

*Do you think your line of work is dangerous?*

**Vic:** No. People who say "you're asking for trouble" are full of shit. Exchanging sex for money is not an excuse for someone to be violent.

**Dick:** I think male whores aren't in as much danger of vice squad activity.

**Vic:** Cops don't want to pick up gay boys. They'd rather bust women with their clothes off, and beat off about it later.

*(Continued on page 39)*



Director Paris Poirier

Documenting the End of an Era

## Last Call

by Nisa Donnelly

**I**t's the Sunday after Labor Day 1989, and inside Maud's, at the far end of the dark-polished bar, Paris Poirier knows she has one chance. Not even one in a million, confesses almost four years later, but just one to capture on film the closing of one of the world's most famous, or infamous, lesbian watering holes. "Maud's would only close once and there was no other story quite like it. I had to get it all that week, because it would never happen again."

Maud's. That September afternoon, in the Haight-Ashbury neighborhood that was

home to Rikki Streicher and her "Maudies" for 23 years, Poirier and her film crew were doing what few had done before: documenting a piece of lesbian culture. It was last call at Maud's — and the closing, Poirier sensed, represented a change in lesbian culture. Ollie's in Oakland was already gone. And in a few years, Amelia's, also owned by Streicher, would follow. Eventually San Francisco, that lesbian mecca to the world, would be left without a full-time dyke bar.

### SoCal Connection

But two Venice, California, filmmakers who, ironically, *(Continued on page 38)*

by Robert Julian and Orland Outland

This week in the Ripley's corner, we have the mass-mailer from *Details* magazine, addressed to "Dear Friend." This computer generated postcard contains the following explanation of why it appears in your mailbox. "Because you're the type of man the new *Details* is written and designed for. Independent. Savvy. Sophisticated. Someone on his way to having it all. But someone who wants it all to be right. A man of style. Substance. Passion. And a genuine interest in the details of living. A man, in short, like you. Should you decide not to accept our invitation to subscribe, please don't pass this on to a friend. *Details* isn't for everyone." Oh, please.

All chocolate lovers — on the count of three, inhale. The new Joseph Schmidt Valentine's Day mailer should put a smile on a few faces when it appears in the mailbox. Item No. VA367 is listed as "Poppers — set of 2 — \$15." No, Schmidt is not marketing "polish remover." These poppers are actually two truffle logs packaged to look like pull-apart party favors.

Yes, it's true. **Marky Mark** will be making an in-person appearance at Cyclops Saturday night, February 13. It's tempting to remark about Mark being the most overexposed pop diva since **Madonna**, but we ask you, when was the last time *any-*



Marky Mark — overexposed

one got this much publicity by keeping his shorts on?

But get this. *Entertainment Weekly* says that Madonna wants to remake *West Side Story*, with herself (naturally) as Maria. She's thinking of casting Marky Mark as Tony. This could make for the most unintentionally funny movie since **John Travolta** and **Lily Tomlin** cavorted in *Moment by Moment*. By the way, has anyone besides us noticed that Madonna, in her newest incarnation, has traded in her ersatz Marilyn for a **Peggy Lee** impersonation — right down to the cranberry lip liner and cotton candy hair parted down the middle?



Dolly "Strap-on" Parton?

**Dolly Parton** is a lesbian. That's what they say in the British documentary *Stand On Your Man*, a video about the English lesbian country-western scene. This video, along with *The Gay Rock 'n' Roll Years*, will be screened twice this Saturday at the Eye Gallery (7 and 9 p.m.). We

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Peggy Lee — the Jim Bailey version

Queers on a roll. Currently in production in LA — *Death in Venice CA*, produced by **Maricel Pagulayan** and directed by **P. David Ebersole**. This 30-minute film is a riff on Mann's *Death in Venice*, with the story set in contemporary Venice, California and told as an AIDS allegory. It's the first gay film to receive primary funding from the American Film Institute (\$13,000). The producer is still short \$11,000 but hopes to raise enough money to complete principal photography and get a rough cut to the SF Lesbian and Gay Film Festival this year. What with **Rob Epstein's** documentary on *The Celluloid Closet*, **Gus Van Sant's** *The Mayor of Castro Street*, and HBO's *And the Band Played On*, this is beginning to shape up as, not just the year, but the decade of the queer.

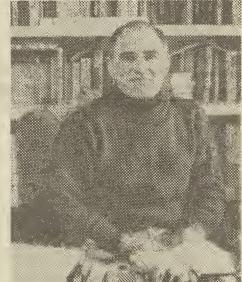
don't know if the Parton rumor is true, but it would explain why she never divorced her bumpkin husband. Do you realize that Parton has worked in Hollywood for 15 years without having her name romantically linked to a single leading man ... or to any man at all (**Burt Reynolds** doesn't count).

From the *Enquirer*, an item as blind as a seeing-eye dog: "Terrified her gay son will get AIDS, a certain superstar is desperately trying to talk him into dating girls! Mom is open-minded, has always supported her son and is sympathetic to the gay rights cause, but can't help worrying about AIDS — even though Sonny Boy has assured her he always practices

safe sex." Yes, there's no sex safer than masturbating to *International Male* catalogs.

From the *Globe*: **Rudolf Nureyev**'s "best buddies" contend the 54-year-old ballet legend decided to leave millions to battle the disease that destroyed his once-magnificent physique. But the randy Russian's relatives are saying they want every last ruble from his vast estate — and are promising to contest his will."

*New York* magazine reports on **Larry Kramer's** latest broadside, this time a letter to **Robert MacNeil** of the *MacNeil/Lehrer News Hour*. It wasn't anything **Miss Manners** would approve of: "[Your show] has the worst record on gay and AIDS coverage of any news program." Kramer also outed MacNeil's son in the letter: "Are you that ashamed of him that you cannot bear for your program to deal with issues that remind you of him?" MacNeil wrote back that the show did deal with gay and AIDS issues, and as for his son, "I am offended by your charge of hypocrisy regarding my son. I am very proud of him personally and professionally." While *New York* says that MacNeil included "an extensive list" of gay/AIDS segments on his news hour, regular viewers know that, as far as his attack on the show goes, Kramer was on target.



Larry Kramer shoots to incriminate

Last week we told you that the newest (formerly straight) Castro bar was planning a sleazy back room, and that the back room would have a leather/uniform dress code. Well, that's what one of the owners was telling people. The other owner insists that the back room will be just that — a room with a pool table and benches and nothing you wouldn't see in any other gay bar. Time will tell which owner prevails.

**Advocate** cartoonist, **Joan Hilty**, writes in defense of the indefensible Judds, recently referred to in this column as "talent impaired." Hilty's *Advocate* cartoon presented Wynonna as a lesbian wannabe and *The Enquirer* subsequently penned Judd Jr.'s tearful reaction. Hilty opines that we missed the real story about *Enquirer* editors "who have no qualms about hiring openly gay reporters just to get good quotes out of gay sources (like me) for their hyper-homophobic articles so they can go on making money off the fears of middle America." Okay Joan, we didn't buy the damn rag, we read it in line at Safeway. All right? ▼

## Theatre

'Raft' Shows the Spectrum of AIDS

# Direct Appeal

by Chad Jones

**W**andering through a gay bookstore in New York City, playwright Joseph Pintauro noticed an ad on a bulletin board soliciting plays to be performed by a group of HIV-positive actors. He set to work on what was to become *Raft of the Medusa* (the title is taken from a famous painting by Theodore Gericault that depicts the shipwrecked survivors of the frigate "Medusa" that sank off the coast of Senegal in 1816). Several months later, with a completed manuscript in hand, he called the number in the ad and was informed that the group had been disbanded — all the actors had died.

So began the odyssey of *Raft of the Medusa*, a 13-character examination of the AIDS crisis that was never meant to be seen by an audience. After a successful run off-Broadway last year and productions in Canada, Boston, and Los Angeles, the play makes its Northern California debut at the Actors Theatre of San Francisco this Friday, January 29.

By presenting a cross section of the AIDS-infected community in his play, Pintauro, a former priest who lives in Manhattan with his lover of 14 years, attempts to show the impact of the disease beyond the gay community. Set in a support group meeting for PWAs, the play features gay characters, but also includes a heterosexual woman exposed to the disease through a one-night stand, a teen-age girl whose first sexual experience was with an i.v. drug user, a mute homeless woman (also an IV drug user), and a heterosexual ex-con who was gang raped in prison. It is this diversity and broad range of characters that drew the Actors Theatre to the play.

### Responsibility to Expose

Chris Phillips, artistic director of the Actors Theatre and co-director of *Raft*, says his company had wanted very much to do an AIDS play when *Raft* came floating along. Phillips explains that because of his company's location on Sutter Street and its close proximity to the Union Square theatre district, he feels a responsibility to expose his audience to an AIDS play. "We pull in a lot of tourists," he says. "I feel our audience is pretty mainstream and is not going to seek out an AIDS play. They are not as exposed to the AIDS crisis



Launching the raft at the Actors Theatre

**"No matter who the audience member — he or she cannot see this play and say, 'It can't happen to me.'"**  
—E. Allen Sawyer

as they should be.

"Now, I don't want to be an artist telling the community what they should be exposed to, but the point of *Raft* is that it brings AIDS into the mainstream. It accurately represents the statistical numbers that make AIDS much more than a gay disease."

Phillips' co-director F. Allen Sawyer says his attraction to *Raft* is its direct appeal to every member of its audience. "No matter who the audience member is — straight, gay, black, white, Hispanic, old, young, whatever — he or she cannot see this play and say, 'It can't happen to me,' because they're up there," he says. "You cannot come into the theatre and say, 'Well, that's someone else's problem.' Instead, you say, 'That could be me.'"

Though the play is only a year and a half old, Pintauro has been working closely with the directors on it, offering rewrites and advice to make sure every last detail

down to the correct names for new drugs is up-to-date. Pintauro is even scheduled to show up for the final rehearsals and the previews to help fine tune the production.

### Political and Personal

Aside from exposing the audience to the spectrum of people with AIDS, *Raft* also gives voice to the concerns of those living with the disease. In the San Francisco production, several HIV-positive actors have been cast. This has had a big impact on the cast and crew of the play. Special considerations have to be made in dealing with sick actors; other cast members have to alert their co-workers if

they have a cold; rest areas are required so actors can lie down during breaks; understudies have to be carefully prepared; performance schedules may have to be cut back; etc.

have a catheter inserted into his lungs. Three days later, the actor was at rehearsal asking that he be allowed to take part in the run-through.

"I grew up with stories of the Group Theatre and political theatre of the Depression," Phillips says. "It was an era during which theatre was alive, really alive. We founded the Actors Theatre to try and capture that. We didn't really know what it was we were trying to capture, though, until we got a hold of this play." ▼

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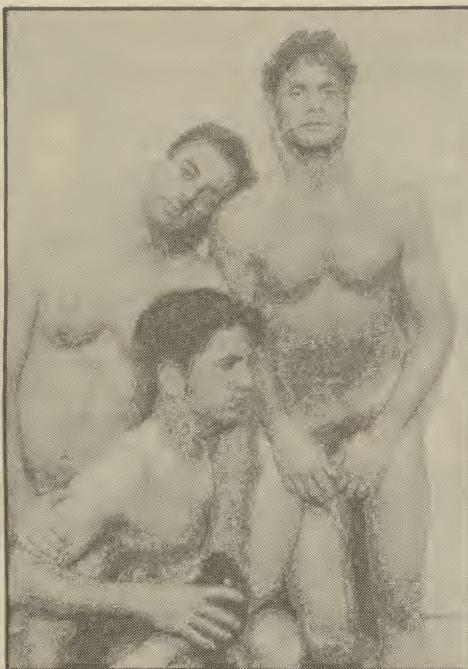
by Roberto Friedman

**J**ew Meat isn't exactly kosher. This show features three queer Jewish boys from LA (John Ellis, Doug Sadownick, and Matt Silverstein), talents from the let-it-all-hang-out school of performance art. During the evening they are visited by the spirits of their mothers, fathers, siblings, and the classmates who treated them to adolescent taunts of "Jew!" or "Fag!"

Don't expect *Fiddler on the Queer Roof*; the trio is interested in exploring the dark side of being Jewish and gay in our culture — the neuroses, the psychic baggage, the anti-Semitism and homophobia. Although it opens with a wonderful *shitty* production number, there isn't much music in the show — which is just as well, since these guys are given to lyrics like, "Fuck me in the ass, there's matzoh there."

## No Apologies

I interpret that line as an obscene allusion to "finding



Matt Silverstein, John Ellis, and Doug Sadownick — the meat in question at Josie's

the afikoman [hidden matzoh]," an element of the Passover seder, but better you should decide for yourself. *Jew Meat* doesn't stop to explain. In fact, part of the

material seems in need of further development, in some cases flagrantly so. Images of the Holocaust are invoked, then dropped abruptly for a bawdy lyric.

The show points up the difficulty in using a revue format for charged content like concentration camps: too often the desired *frisson* of cabaret song and dance colliding with tragic imagery results in an audience reaction on the order of, "Gee, that was inappropriate." The pass-

**Images of the Holocaust are invoked, then dropped abruptly for a bawdy lyric.**

ing references to the Holocaust, without amplification or development, can create some uncomfortable feelings for the viewer.

## I Remember Mama

Jewish dykes sitting beside me were offended by the performers' impersonations of their mothers. They felt the artists were presenting cheap humor at the expense of women. The Israeli stud-muffin I was with also disliked the Jewish mother routine, seeing it as mere perpetuation of a stereotype. The skit did not strike me as wantonly misogynous or mere cartoon: these men were exorcising personal demons through their (perhaps overly broad) incarnations of their Yiddish mamas. The sequence is clearly performed as ritual; the performers put on necklaces, lipstick, and earrings with deliberation. As they "put on" their mothers' voices, they name their personal histories in turn, in highly ritualized fashion.

Unfortunately, *Jew Meat* often resorts to a familiar cathartic formula with its emotionally painful disclosures — that is: repeat the phrase in a rising volume until you're screaming at the top of your lungs. Employed too often, this routine offers diminishing theatrical returns.

The evening is most suc-

cessful when each of the performers takes a solo turn. Here we get to see each man's individual bent, his unique take on being "twice blessed." Sadownick recounts personal history with universal meaning as he rebuts his mother's argument, "If you don't have children, your life is empty." He describes growing up in the Bronx and his erotic attraction to the Puerto Rican boys in the 'hood. This is territory he has explored in his fiction, recalling the chapter from his book, *Sacred Lips (of the Bronx)* which can be found in *Men On Men 4*.

Silverstein impersonates a hateful stand-up comic, then takes an intriguing gambit by reinventing the Torah story of Abraham and Isaac with a queer twist. Isaac is discovered wearing a dress, bringing forth the full force of patriarchal fury. The sequence is finally more puzzling than illuminating, but Silverstein deserves credit for taking theatrical risks.

Ellis is most engaging in this format, punctuating a tap dance *shitz* with anecdotes about looking for love in LA. He projects warmth and sincerity in his stage presence, connecting with the audience in a discernible way.

When the trio reforms to bark out some Jew and fag-baiting, complete with mild S/M accoutrements, the stage is once again a ritual space for calling out the demons of hatred and letting them go. I admired the three men of *Jew Meat* for their courage and energy, their spirit and *chutzpah*. ▼

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## Film

Woodard, McDonnell Shine in 'Passion Fish'

# Complex Coupling

by Daniel Mangin

**A** traffic accident leaves a mean-tempered soap opera star a paraplegic in John Sayles' latest film, *Passion Fish*. She flees New York for the bayou country of Louisiana, where she embarks on a rocky road to recovery, aided by a black woman with some ills of her own to cure.

Sayles' often humorous story (he wrote and directed) outlines the interdependence that develops between the headstrong but defeatist May-Alice (Mary McDonnell) and her equally willful nurse, Chantelle (Alfre Woodard). Their interaction begins on an employer-employee basis and at first echoes films from *Imitation of Life* to *The Long Walk Home*.

In *Passion Fish*, though, an uneasy relationship evolves into a complex friendship. McDonnell was downright irritating in her highest-profile role to date as the white woman raised by the Indians in *Dances With Wolves*. Here she more than amply conveys the transformation of May-Alice, who at first eschews physical therapy in favor of getting drunk,

watching TV, and feeling sorry for herself.

Woodard's Chantelle is exquisitely — by turns scared, moody, defiant, and warm. She is the chief catalyst for May-Alice's evolution, but although desperate to keep her job, she refuses to degrade either herself or May-Alice to do that.

## Performances Lure

Sayles' moviemaking style has always been problematic. One appreciates his no-nonsense visuals, ear for dialogue, and ability to create intriguing, fully drawn characters, but his pacing is often flat-footed. The trouble is not that he takes the time to develop character, but how he does it. His films — from *Lianne to Matewan* to *City of Hope* — lean toward the didactic as well.

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Alfre Woodard

These tendencies are much less apparent in *Passion Fish*. The narrative drags in spots to be sure (Sayles also edited the picture and clearly couldn't let go of segments he should have), but the performances of Woodard and McDonnell consistently lure one back. The various invasions of People Who Don't Understand — in particular separate visits by May-Alice's former soap co-workers and two old

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## Theatre

Richard III Meets Norma Desmond

# LA's 'Queen of Angels'

by Sando Counts

**C**eremony hangs in the air as the doors to James Carroll Pickett's *Queen of Angels* open, revealing a space full of smoke and purple light (remind me to lecture producers about the obnoxious use of smoke and scent). A chalk circle is drawn on the floor, creating a ritual circle for this retelling of the Orpheus myth. But wait — a second, and then a third circle is drawn. Suddenly, the place is full of clowns and it's a three ring circus!

Did I say circus? No. Suddenly the Interlocutor arrives with Punch and Judy and we're in a medieval morality play. But wait, now an emaciated AIDS patient appears in his bed and we're in a contemporary AIDS drama. But then, a Hispanic man comes to guide the protagonist through the Underworld and we're in that bad John Belushi biopic where Ray Sharkey played a taxi-driving cholo spirit.

As for myself, between gasps for air in the thickening smoke, I was beginning to feel like Faye Dunaway at the end of *Chinatown*. "My sister, my daughter . . ."

Having caused a stir for its nudity and content and sold out its three-week run at Highways, *Queen of Angels* moves to the Skylight Theatre in Los Feliz.

### Queer Soup

The idea for the show is simple: Max, a poet suffering

from dementia, enters the netherworld of Purgatory in a vain attempt to reclaim his lost lover, Tobias. Coyote, his guide, takes him to the genderfuck Queen of Angels (Michael Kearns on video). Defying the Queen, Max and Tobias arrange a rendezvous, but Tobias misses Max, is murdered by fag-bashers, and Max returns alone.

Along the way, there are some deliciously wicked songs and lascivious vignettes performed by a troupe of slut clowns. "Would you risk 30 years without passion for a night of the best fuck you'll ever have?" These clowns would, and do, throwing off their clothes and their inhibitions at every opportunity. Quentin O'Brien, playing the Showman, keeps up a sardonic commentary on the action in a wonderful performance.

Michael Kearns, as the Queen of Angels herself, appears through the magic of video projection, swirling around the wall before buzzing into focus like some noxious fly that has just landed squarely on your nose. In an eye-popping nonstop monologue of gay rage and fag vitriol that could only be described as Richard III meets Norma Desmond, Kearns spews an endless stream of evil.

"I'm queer, not psychic!" Kearns snaps at Max when he asks after the whereabouts of Tobias. The bruised Queen, articulating a mixture of hurt, pain and humor in some breathtaking writing, verbally spars with Max, teasing him

and leading him on.

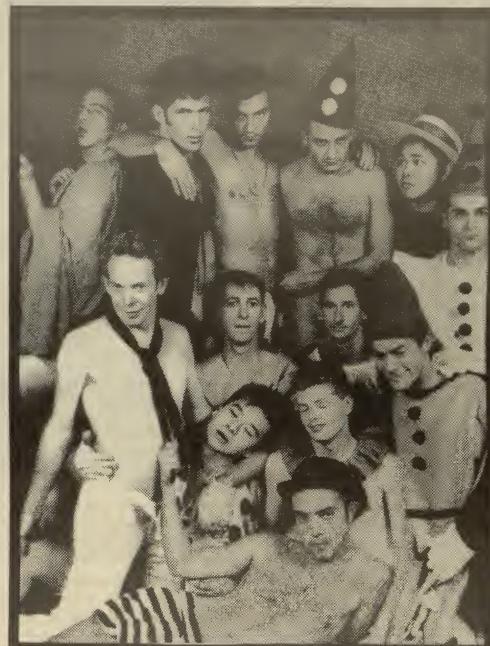
### Testing the Will

The poetry of the test of wills between the Queen and Max doesn't spill over into the relationship between Max and Tobias. Although he's pretty to look at, and the two

**Michael Kearns, as the Queen herself, appears through the magic of video projection.**

of them engage in an energetic nude lovemaking scene, Rob Campbell's wooden performance as Tobias makes one wonder what the witty and adventurous Max sees in him.

Likewise, the playwright has brushed over the missed rendezvous between the two lovers in favor of a sex scene between Max and Coyote. If I made a trip to the underworld to bring back a lost love, I'd certainly give him at



Angels — Los Angeles style

(Photo: Michael Satori)

least a minute or two to show up. But as is pointed out, "Forever, in Gay Standard Time, lasts about a week!"

The many threads of this play become distracting. But for all its problems, it's ambitious and provocative, and it would be too easy to reduce this work to a matter of like

or dislike. *Queen of Angels* has some powerful moments and Philip Littell's direction packs a punch. With any luck, we'll see a Bay Area production. ▼

**Queen of Angels**  
Skylight Theatre, through Feb. 20  
(213) 660-8587

## Complex

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schoolmates — are way too self-conscious but do work as comic relief.

David Strathairn and Vondie Curtis-Hall have strong supporting roles as love interests for May-Alice and Chantelle. In a well-shot sequence, Strathairn's character Rennie, a crush from May-Alice's youth who has come into her life again, introduces the two women to the wonders of the bayou. Curtis-Hall plays a charming zydeco musician who gives Chantelle the space to live down her fast-lane past.

Although the director doesn't totally succeed in connecting the mystique of the bayou locale to the evolution of these two urban women, he makes fine visual use of the setting. The film's soundtrack employs reggae, zydeco, and other regional music to great effect.

*Passion Fish* recalls *The Crying Game*, another tale of black-white interrelationship that features wounded people whose humanity ultimately allows them to heal each other. *Crying Game* director Neil Jordan explicitly raises the issue of race at the beginning of his film but then drops the subject, leaving his interpretation of the racial implications open to question. One wonders whether Jordan



Mary McDonnell

is laudably seeing beyond the polarized mindset of the present or conveniently ignoring a gnawing but pertinent subtext. Sayles does Jordan one better in this regard by confronting race and then transcending it. That he manages to do so without being preachy or simplistic is all the more impressive. ▼

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## Music

# Songbirds

by John F. Karr

Ute Lemper  
*Illusions*  
London

Although Ute Lemper confirms our initial impressions of her appreciable artistry on her new London CD, *Illusions*, it's unlikely this recording of songs from the Dietrich/Piaf repertory will become anyone's favorite. A wonderful idea gone wrong best describes the overwrought arrangements and the matching performances they elicit from this 28-year-old rising chanteuse.

The German-born, multilingual star of *Cats* in Vienna, *Peter Pan* in Berlin, *Cabaret* in Paris, and, most recently, a tour of Germany in a stage version of *Blue Angel* — is well regarded in this country for her recordings and performances of Kurt Weill songs.

To justify her approach and to avoid comparison with the cherished original recordings of the Dietrich/Piaf songs — "Falling in Love Again," "Johnny," "Padam," "Non, je ne regrette rien" and ten others on the 63-minute recording — Lemper declares "every song is a theatre piece." She's abetted in implementing an actor's approach, instead of the more direct singer's approach, by her arranger and conductor, Bruno Fontaine, who turns each song into a veritable tempest. He distorts "Autumn Leaves" to six minutes and "Padam" to well over five. In a futile attempt at finding more here than Di-



trich and Piaf (a laughable idea), Fontaine succeeds only in dismantling the songs. Like an opera director who stages a pantomime for the overture — explaining where it is unnecessary — he provides preludes, interludes and postludes to these songs, commenting on their emotional ambience and dramatic incidents every step of the way.

Lemper matches this orchestral hysteria with over-indulgent performances that are consistently in excess. Her "Lola" is a frenzied shredding, her "Vie en rose" so low a whisper it almost slips away. She's so busy acting that she misses the direct and therefore more visceral communication of the originals — the easy conversational confession of "T'es beau, tu sais," or the restraint which promises sexual explosion in "Johnny." Just letting these songs happen would have been affecting.

Yet Lemper has always

proven herself in live performance, and the viability of this repertoire seems validated by a sneak preview of the staged version of *Illusions*, taped live on London video and laser disc. These were as exciting and impressive as expected. The CD, then, may be a precious souvenir of the stage performance of these songs (which Lemper presents in Herbst Hall on Thursday, January 28). If you miss that, perhaps the video is a wiser purchase than the recording. Without the visual, *Illusions* is well-intentioned, skillfully done, yet irritating and most unnecessary.

**Sally Mayes**  
*The Dorothy Fields*  
*Songbook*  
DRG Cabaret

Sally Mayes, the strawberry blonde who was a hit in the off-Broadway revue *Closer Than Ever*, also has a tribute album. *The Dorothy Fields Songbook* is Mayes' appreciable and fun first solo recording, showcasing her Broadway savvy and considerable chops on songs from 11 shows composed by seven veteran composers — including Jimmy McHugh, Jerome Kern, Sigmund Romberg and Cy Coleman. It's a multifaceted showcase in which Mayes scores every time — whether it's a ballad like "Close as Pages in a Book" or a jumpy novelty like "Doin' the New Low Down." Although the arrangements are new, they are idiomatic, appropriate settings which happily mate a contemporary sound to classic material while showcasing Mayes' bright voice and interpretive skill. Show fans will like this one. ▼

## Film

# Last Call

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toasted the beginnings of their relationship ten years earlier at Maud's, were determined to preserve the bars and all they meant to the lesbian nation on film. Poirier, the director, and Karen Kiss, her longtime partner and the film's producer, were treading new ground, they say now. "How much film has actually been shot inside a lesbian bar?" Poirier asks. "Rikki had films from years and years ago, it was like panning for gold, a second here, two seconds there." To that, they added reminiscences and observations from an eclectic cast of bartenders and bar dykes, poets and novelists, activists and historians, who came together over a period of a few days, inside the bar and out back, to talk.

"What I wanted to make was the greatest lesbo conversation in a bar you could ever get," Poirier says about *Last Call at Maud's*, which premieres on February 5 at the Castro Theatre and February 12 at the UC Theatre in Berkeley. "If you could have a dream lesbian bar date, this, to me, would be it because you're getting all this input from these fine minds."

Names like Judy Grahn and Sally Gearhart, JoAnn Loulan and Gwenn Craig, Pat Norman, Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon, and, of course, Rikki Streicher herself, join the credits at the end of the film, along with more than a dozen other, perhaps less recognizable women. Poirier and Kiss admit that calling in some of the biggest names in lesbian culture to talk about a bar they had frequented rarely, originally piqued a few of the regulars. "Some of the Maudies were a little critical of that at first," Poirier says. "But once they saw the film, they understood that these women were paying homage to the existence and importance of Maud's, and to the significance of gay bars in our culture."

"When a woman goes into a gay bar, she is never the same again," says the poet Judy Grahn, whose epic, *The Queen of Swords*, is set in a mythic lesbian bar. And Sally Gearhart, a retired women's studies professor, activist and author, says of the first time she came to a lesbian bar: "I was home, it was better than home." Open 365 days a year (Streicher, an orphan herself, knew how empty the holidays can seem) Maud's was a clubhouse for some and for others, a home. The bar was the center of the then-budding lesbian cultural movement.

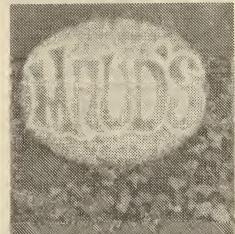
"Fifteen years ago, the bars were our cultural centers," Kiss recalls. "If a lesbian poet was going to read, it was in a bar. If you wanted to dance, it was in a bar. If a singer was going to sing folk songs, again, it was in the bar. Everything happened in the bars. Today, you go to the bookstore for the reading, to the concert hall for the performance. Now, there are lots of other places. But they all started in the bars."

### Evolution

So what happened? Maybe it was the recovery movement, as some say, or demographics or sociology. Maybe it's what Poirier and Kiss say:

the bars filled their roles and then their times passed. "The closing of Maud's, the closing of all these bars, is because lesbians truly have accomplished what they set out to do, which was, I think, to build a culture," Kiss says. "People say, 'Oh, this is awful, San Francisco can't even support a dyke bar.' But if the women needed that, it would be there," Poirier adds.

Documenting this change in the lesbian culture was what motivated Poirier to do the film and what kept her going through four long, debt-ridden years. Completed for some \$95,000 — one-third of the cost of most documentaries — the film was financed primarily by a few grants, some hard-won community support and, as Kiss readily



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Karen Kiss

admits, credit cards. The couple is more than \$40,000 in debt from this project.

"It was mostly my money, because I was the one working, but it was her determination," Kiss says. "Paris didn't make one dime for putting three years of her life into this, and I put in an unpaid year. We wouldn't have survived one more year — it had to be this year."

In early February, *Last Call at Maud's* will be shown at the prestigious Berlin International Film Festival — an almost unbelievable coup, Poirier says. From there, they hope it will play in cities around the country. "Hopefully, we'll make enough to embark on the next project and to show the world and funders that these films are important and that they need to be supported," Kiss says. The next project will be what Poirier describes as an "AIDS thriller screenplay with a lesbian heroine," which she's begun writing. "Now we know we can do another one," Poirier says. "We know you don't have to rely on the old Hollywood studio system to give you imagery of yourself. It can be done." ▼

**Editor's Note:** Nisa Donnelly is the author of *The Bar Stories* (St. Martin's Press), which chronicles one night in a fictional lesbian bar in San Francisco.

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# Jubilantly Jaundiced

by John F. Karr

**I**t's surprising — and disappointing — that there are no photographs of the most sensational aspects of Berkeley Rep's tart and lively production of Ben Jonson's *Volpone*. At various gay events and street fairs, you've probably seen both snake dancer Juan Croveto and the music and rhythm duo, THOTH, comprised of sleekly handsome violinist Stephen Kaufman and long-haired bodybuilding drummer Michael Thomas Chiaravelotti. Without changing Croveto's exotic Eastern finery or the leather jockstrap/mesh-stockings gendefuck that barely covers the bulges of THOTH, these picaresque and talented friends of the gay community have been transferred whole onto the stage. Along with a hermaphrodite (played by Cintra Wilson) and a dwarf (Selwyn Emerson Miller), they constitute the retinue of the scoundrel, Volpone. And there's no picture!

The bedazzlements of this *Volpone* are manifold; it's as rousing a revivification of Ben Jonson's classic satire as we could hope for, from the colorful phantasmagoria of the costumes by Gabriel Berry and the pulsating music by Stephen LeGrand and Eric

Drew Feldman to the lively staging of director Anthony Taccone (fresh from his Los Angeles success with *Angels in America*).

Taccone's laudable efforts have made the play not only fun but also as immediately accessible to contemporary audiences as possible. He engaged noted Mime Troupe playwright Joan Holden to "translate" the work from the original English. While this sacrifices most of the gorgeous but admittedly dense language of the 1604 original, it highlights its epigrammatic *bon mot* ("Hope is a bait that covers any hook"), and contributes much to the evening's speed and savage bite. Jonson, after all, conceived of his play as a satire.

### Black Satire

It's a rather black satire at that, a curious and fascinating play. It starts in mischievous fun, as Volpone ("The Fox") and his wily servant Mosca ("The Fly") connive to bilk greedy neighbors. But, as the deceptions deepen, venal greed takes over and the fun gives way.

Ostensibly upstanding citizens are willing to sacrifice anything for material gain; fathers sell their sons, and husbands make whores of their wives. The playfulness of

Geoff Hoyle and John O'Keefe in Berkeley Rep's *Volpone*

(Photo: Ken Friedman)

Mosca and his master evaporates as their true rapacity is revealed. Double-cross and betrayal are the norm in this game in which the only goal is gold. It's a Jacobean *Wall Street*, and although it ends, in accordance with the values of its day, with justice prevailing, our latter-day experience with the Volpones/Michael Milkens of the world provides an ironic, bitter aftertaste.

The little foxes are still devouring despilers.

It's no wonder this play became a classic, with its jubilantly jaundiced world view, vicious wit, and deft characterizations. The present company performs in exemplary fashion. The all-star cast is headed by Geoff Hoyle as Volpone, with Irving Israel, Jaron Monroe, Julian Lopez-

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Morillas, Charles Dean, and Sharon Lockwood at their most exuberant. Beautiful newcomer Susan Patterson scores strongly as the betrayed wife.

The stage with its many trap doors, neon-lit canals, suspended walkways, and stage elevators (by designer Kent Dorsey) provides ingenious thoroughfares for the evening's rambunctious parade of greed and lust. Topped off with the voluptuous flesh (and talent) of Kaufman, Chiaravelotti, and Croveto, the Berkeley Rep *Volpone* scores its moral bull's-eye while playing like *Carnaval* in Rio. No stodgy classic, this *Volpone* is tumultuously vital. ▼

**Volpone**  
Berkeley Repertory Theatre;  
through March 5  
(510) 845-4700

## Boy

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Dick: One tactic women hookers are using now is, before they ask for money, they ask the client to whip out his "male ID." That will nip a bit of vice activity in the bud right there!

*Is business better in the Bay Area than, say, New York, where you've worked, Vic?*

Vic: We have a fairly relaxed attitude toward sex here, so I think that helps.

Dick: The market is much bigger here, too.

Vic: In San Francisco we have a lot of amateurs, also.

Dick: More competition.

Vic: It's a reflection on our economy.

*How has it been putting out these zines?*

Dick: My clients are flattered, they think it's a nice gift. Hopefully they read it and get a little more educated, especially about tipping!

Vic: It's a lot of work, but it's worth it. I send them all over the world. It's an alternative propaganda besides the usual corporate-backed shit

you see everywhere. Part of the reason I do it is to let workers know they're not alone. We're so isolated. I didn't know anybody when I started working, and I was afraid to talk to any of the guys on the street. I think of *Whorezine* as a support group. It's a trade publication, like *Popular Mechanics* or *Watchtower*.

Dick: *Beef!* is a revolutionary act. It's sex workers taking over advertising for themselves.

Vic: It's time for sex workers to take more control of their destiny. We're going to have to do it when prostitution is decriminalized.

*What's in store for the future?*

Vic: I'm trying to get SWAC [Sex Workers Action Coalition] interested in doing a "Take Back Fisherman's Wharf" action, because that used to be the Barbary Coast. It was ours! A few brothels would be great there.

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These are men with big ideas, and their zines show a lot of wit, style and invention. As St. Blaise says, "Don't knock it 'til you've tried it, and hire a professional next time!"

"Whore rags" produced around the world include *Pony Express* from NYC, *Stiletto* from Toronto, the Australian *Hookers Herald*, and the *Oldest Profession Times* from, of all places, Sacramento. Meanwhile, our local trade journals can be found at some of the hipper magazine racks, or by sending \$3 to: *Whorezine*, 2300 Market St. suite 19, San Francisco, CA 94114; or *Beef! Pictorial*, 2300 Market St., suite 14, San Francisco, CA 94114. ▼

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—Vic St. Blaise

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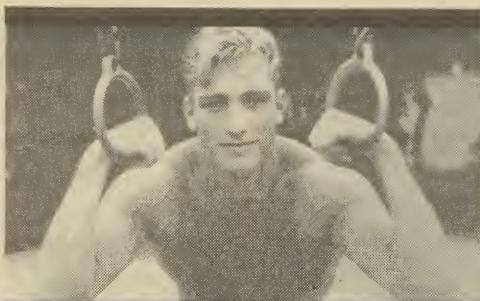
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## To Your Health

# Time to Get Involved

by Dianne Aaronson

Now that you've all settled in after the holidays, perhaps you've had time to follow up on some of your New Year's resolutions. If any of your plans include getting into better physical shape, returning to your favorite sport, or becoming more involved in the lesbian/gay community, please read on.

In 1982, San Francisco sponsored the first Gay Games, with gay athletes from all over the globe participating. This event was repeated here in 1986, with a phenomenal increase in participation by gays and lesbians worldwide. In 1990 the lucky host was Vancouver, and in 1994 the Games (Unity '94) will be held in New York City.

Since the inception of the Games, gay sports have boomed. Susan Kennedy, former co-chair of Team San Francisco and present co-chair of the Gay Federation of Games, has watched a steady increase in awareness of health and well-being issues as well. Kennedy and

Allen Balderson, also a former co-chair of Team SF, believe this boom has provided not only an alternative to the bars, but also a means to break down gay stereotypes within and outside the community.

Balderson strongly supports the inclusion versus exclusion policy of the Gay Games and reminds people that they needn't be a polished athlete to become involved in the competitions. Some of the many organizations and clubs which have arisen as a result of the Games are Tsunami (swimming); Gay Wrestling; Men's and Women's Basketball, Track and Field; Rugby; and the Arcadia Bodybuilding Society (ABS), which produces the yearly gay/lesbian/bisexual physique contest in San Francisco.

San Francisco is now part of a small network of U.S. cities that host a Gay Sports Festival every few years. Gene Dermody, a Team SF board member who has taken on the formidable task of putting this sports festival together, has announced Memorial Day Weekend as the date of the fest.

That weekend the U.S. Gay Open (in association with the Gay Tennis Federation), Physique '93 (annual gay/lesbian bodybuilding contest), the first sanctioned Gay Golden Gloves Invitational Boxing Tournament, and NAGVA Volleyball will take place in various Bay Area locations. In addition, martial arts groups, table tennis, wrestling, men's basketball, women's softball, Bay Area Distance Runners, and the Bay Area Racquetball

Club will be holding competitions at that time.

If you're an athlete or interested in a particular sport—or would just like to get involved—consider becoming a Team SF member. For \$15 per year, you will receive a newsletter and a monthly calendar of events which will keep you apprised of sporting events, sports organizations, and social gatherings.

The Team SF board urges any athletic organizations interested in the Games to contact them now. Unity '94 in New York City is only a little more than a year away, and final decisions regarding rules, regulations, sports to be included, and dates and locations of events are already being addressed by the Gay Federation of Games. As this city's federation representative, Team SF will answer your questions and/or present your organization's requests to this governing body on your behalf. Unlike many cities whose "teams" only organize every four years, a few months before the event, Team SF has been consistently working for us since 1982.

Another advantage to Team SF membership is the point system, which is similar to the one used by the ABS. Time volunteered with either of these organizations will help you accrue points that eventually balance out in dollars and cents. Both Team SF and ABS have set aside an athletes' fund which will help send its members to New York in 1994. Next year the points will be added up and

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## Basketball

# Chisholm Shines in Close Contest

by Joe Nelson

minutes remaining. For the rest of the game, the winners' lead varied from one to five points.

It's likely that the Pharmacy's lack of bench players caused them to simply wear out. However, this performance bodes well for the gay team, because several players were absent but will be returning to the lineup soon. Despite height problems, the Pharmacy has proven that it can compete with the best in the league.

In tonight's (Thursday, January 28) game, the Castro Village Pharmacy faces off against Noe's and their 6'5" center at 8:50 p.m. at the 100 Collingwood gym. Next week, the Castro team will challenge Molly Brown's on February 4 at 8:50 p.m. at the same location. Attendance is always free and greatly appreciated by the players. ▼

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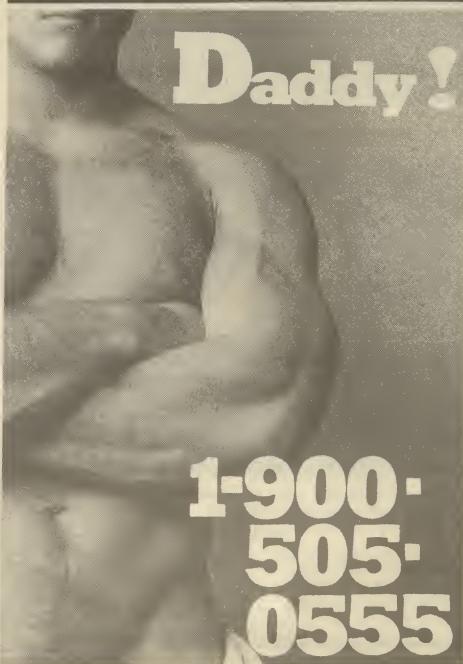
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## Health

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the funds distributed among the individuals who have volunteered their time to these organizations. You can contact Team SF at 824-8118 and ABS at 978-9495 for further information regarding membership and committees in need of volunteers.

### Dates to Watch Out For

If you'd like to get your feet wet by mingling with some athletes in our community, The Eagle will be sponsoring a beer bust on February 7. Proceeds go to the Team SF athletes' fund.

Also of interest, whether you're a bodybuilder, an athlete in another sport, or someone interested in getting and staying fit, are the ABS annual

seminars beginning this year in March. The first seminar, on Sunday, March 7, will offer a basic introduction to food planning, nutritional know-how, and weight management. Participants will leave with a better understanding of nutrition and their own personal goals and requirements.

A second, more advanced seminar on this subject will be held Sunday, March 28, and address ways to reduce body fat without compromising health. There will be an "introduction to posing" segment at the end of the seminar for those interested in bodybuilding competition. Both seminars will be held at Randy Bitterman's Purely Physical Fitness, 1414 Castro (at 24th Street), 6:30-8 p.m. The cost is \$10 for non-members, \$8 for members. ▼



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Blind/blu 47yo lks 35yo, 5'10, 165lbs, masc, into mature rfnshp, sex secondary, into Asian and Latin men, esp others too. No drugs, insincere. HIVneg only. E Bay pref. EXT. 5654

Central Contra Costa GWM, 26yo, 160lbs, br/grn, gdkg, sks other gdkg GWMs, 21-34yo, for fun. EXT. 5660

Japanese/Asian sugar daddy sought by young Latino student. EXT. 5661

Blond surfer sks XXL BB. Let me worship you from head to toe. Let me make all your hours in the gym pay off. You're a god, be treated like one. Tight, hot ass. EXT. 5662

Gdkng GWM, 26yo, needs you to work my hot 24yo GWM. He needs more! Well hung and under 30yo a plus. Make him work. EXT. 5663

Anything-goes btm, fit, 57yo, 6', 170lbs, sks no-limit topman BD, FF, WS, CBT, sounds, cath-electro, flog, any age, race. EXT. 5664

Foreskin servicing reqd by attrac, HIVneg WM w/lample skin, 5'11, 153lbs, br/b, smooth, 'stache, safe, healthy, vers btm, dildoee, no smk/drugs. You: GWM/GLM w/in/satisfable foreskin appetite, 18-45yo, attrac, w/ht propn, HIVneg, vers top, dildoer, safe, no smk/drugs. Poses: uncut, well hung, but not nec, poss fmdshp/rfnshp. EXT. 5665

Hot tongue service for sweaty feet, toes, balls, pits given by a mature man w/ a deep throat! EXT. 5666

Gdkng, husky GWM, 210lbs, 6', HIVpos, btm, sks SF top for daytime Fr/Gr at your place. No commitment. Hung a plus. EXT. 5667

GWM btm, yng 51yo, sks ongoing, safe meetings w/ hot top. I'm slender, fair, smooth, sensuous. We're both fit, non-smkrs/users, HIVneg, sane, very sexual. EXT. 5668

Cpls: cute, intelligent, athletic, HIVneg, playful, 20s, Asian. Can add spice in/out of bed. Let's grow together. EXT. 5669

28yo, smooth, slender Asian sks loving, well-bt GWM, 30-40yo, for sharing good times, kisses, massage, movies, dinners, frndshp, more. EXT. 5670

Hairy-stache 35-50yo needed by Fil-Am man, 30s, 5'6, safe, can be top/btm, likes to kiss, cuddle. Let's try. EXT. 5671

Cpl sks tops! 26yo, br/b, boyish, smooth, btm/vers 30yo, bl/grn, anal, sks 18-32yo, hung big. Can you handle it? EXT. 5673

Achiever (great resume), 30s, 6', 170lbs, blu/bl, sks another smart, attrac, N/S, HIVneg GM who accepts being gay to explore intimacy, spirituality, monogamy. The best sex I've ever had has been in such a rfnshp. EXT. 5691

Hot body, hot blond btm, 5'6, 145lbs, blue eyes, hairy, HIVneg, uncut, nice looks, 40s, wants you for plain sex. EXT. 5674

I want you to sit on my face so I can tongue/fuck your big, hairy bubble butt. You: well-bt WM, 20-30s, hairy. Me: hot, hung big, well btt, hungry tongue. EXT. 5696

Masc, Asian, HIVneg male sks bi/strt Asian male for hot, safe oral massage. You: a shape, HIVneg, masc a plus. No fat, fem, phonies. Lv message. EXT. 5704

BGM, very attrac, tall, slim, skng BGM, 25-35yo, for fun, dating, poss rfnshp. Tall, dark, hairy men a plus. EXT. 5687

Chinese male, 28yo, not into gay scene, novice btm, lkng for masc, str/bi Asians only for friends or poss more. EXT. 5688

Weekend wrestling parties in prvt gym w/ hot, tough men. Raw, sweaty man-

Wntd: blk man of the world who is adventurous, masc, romantic, gdkg, athletic, 25-40yo, by furry, masc, hndsm WM, 36yo, 6', 190lbs, into travel, outdoors, 25yo. EXT. 5698

Mature BM, uncut, HIVneg, good build, near 9", lg low-hangers, needs reg massage/deep throat. Older expert a plus. Sincere pls. EXT. 5699

WM pig, collared, leashed, for blk, hairy, farm foreman. Train me to squeal, oink w/your dirty, racial talk. I lick, lap, drink. My pen. Do it! EXT. 5700

Bi Chinese male sks other gay/bi, masc Asian male for frndshp. I'm sensually hot for trim/musc phys. Will service the right guy. EXT. 5701

Well-bt WM, 5'11, cut big, needs big, hairy bubble butt to eat and fuck from well-bt WM, 20-30s. Hungry and hot wntd. EXT. 5702

Married WM, 34yo, 6', 180lbs, in shape, loves gay porn, needs hot, eager lol to help make fantasies reality in E Bay. Let's get together! EXT. 5703

Yng and wild Latino boy lkng for an obsequious daddy. You will be very interested. EXT. 5706

BGM, 29yo, 170lbs, 6', skng other BGM for frndshp, poss rfnshp. You should be 25-35yo, dark skinned, serious. EXT. 5707

### Transvestite/Transsexual

Lkng for beautiful drag queen to escort to Imperial Coronation in Feb by hot ital stud. EXT. 5610

Snugle babe sks well-bt BM for trusting frndshp. Compliment your masculinity w/m natural femininity. Me: pre-op transsexual female. HIVpos, fair health. Drug-free. EXT. 5655

Lrg TV/TS or F type male w/smooth shvd body sought by tall WM. Have quiet apt. EXT. 5658

T/W(blk, Asian, Hisp) sought by attrac WM, 32yo, 6'2, 190lbs, for massage/deep throat. Must like stockings, heels ... HIVneg. EXT. 5659

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Daddy WM, 45yo, HIVpos, healthy, sks submsv boy. Hairy, bearded, bald all pluses. Butt and tit play, lite SM. EXT. 5680

Luscious blk btm, 36yo, 190lbs, lkng for hot, well-bt men for serious lovemaking. Safe, sensual, intense. EXT. 5681

40yo, musc, stocky, w/big, hard nipples, wants GBM/GLM into tit and nipple satisfaction: hot 'n' normy. EXT. 5682

GWM, 31yo, sks cigar-smkng man. This guy wants to suck your raspberry cock. Boy likes to wear sweaters and take your piss. EXT. 5683

I love chicken. Ryker look alike desperately skng Wesley. Must take orders. I'll go where no one has gone before. EXT. 5684

Two gdkg GWMs, mid-20s, sk others for hot times. Well hung and under 25yo a plus. Let us be your slaves! EXT. 5685

Blond surf boy sks very dark, hairy, macho studs to ram my tight, hot ass. EXT. 5686

Dom, masc WM, well-bt, hung big, wants in-shape, pass/submsv WM w/hairy bod, 20-30s. EXT. 5708

to man, rough-house mat action/fun guaranteed if you're game! EXT. 5689

Hot WM, gym bod, has hungry tongue for well-bt, beefy WM w/ a tight, hairy bubble butt. EXT. 5690

Sknk BGM master for intense training and domination. Me: 6', 175lbs, submsv GBM slave, new to SM, domination. EXT. 5692

GWM, 38yo, hairy, husky, balding, w/stache, sks attrac, boyish-lkg guy, 20-30yo, for fun, poss rfnshp. Not into bars. EXT. 5693

Let's swap kinky home videos. Interests: JO, self-suck, piss, ball torture, heavy hung, hairy men, fistng. EXT. 5694

40yo, clean, hot man-pussy, wide open for heavy loads from esp GBM, but any race, age. Chubby welcome. EXT. 5695

Smooth, masc Asian, yng 45yo, 5'9, sks simil clrn-shvn, lean, musc, in-shape WM into foreplay, massage and safe, hot sex. EXT. 5697

Dom, masc WM, well-bt, hung big, wants in-shape, pass/submsv WM w/hairy bod, 20-30s. EXT. 5708



# THIS WEEK

## FRIDAY 29

### Raft of the Medusa

Joseph Pintauro's expansive and powerful drama about people with HIV and AIDS. \$14-16. 8pm. Sun. 2pm. Thru 3/7. Actors Theatre, 533 Sutter. 296-9179.

### Crying Holy

Wayne Corbett's powerful drama about an African American family's spiritual turmoil when their son is diagnosed with HIV. \$11-17. 8pm. Thru 2/20. Theatre Rhinoceros, 2926 16th St. 861-5079.

### Jew Meat

Kosher queer comedic cutups Doug Sadownick, John Ellis and Matt Silverstein explore racism, rabbis and the Yiddish id. \$10. 8pm. Thru 1/31. Josie's Cabaret, 16th at Market. 861-7933.

### The Colored Museum

A turbulent tour through African-American history, including a catty snap queen, *Ebony* model, buppies and radicals. Performed by Oakland Ensemble Theatre. \$11-25. 8pm. Sat. 2 & 8pm. Sun. 3pm. Thru 2/14. Alice Arts Center, 1428 Alice, Oakland. (510) 763-7774.

### Whatever Happened to B.B. Jane?

Tuneful drag camp comics smear on the lipstick in a revival of the hit show. \$13-17. 8pm. Sun. 3pm. Artfull Circle Theatre, 47 Waller. 626-5455.

**Ballet Nuevo Mundo de Caracas (Thur.)**  
**Ethnic Dance Festival auditions (Fri.)**

rehab, one gay, one straight, both nuts. \$10. 8:30pm. Thru 2/6. Theatre Rhinoceros, 2926 16th. 861-5079.

### Boy in the Air

Don Bajema's performance piece adapted from his novel about a boy's coming of age in post-WWII culture. \$10. 8pm. Thru 2/7. Intersection for the Arts, 446 Valencia. 626-3311.

### The Brief but Exemplary Life of the Living Goddess (As Told by Herself)

Nina Beber's allegorical play about a girl's odyssey into woman-hood. Thru 2/7. \$12-21. 8:30pm. Sun. 2 & 7:30pm. Magic Theatre, Fort Mason Center, Bldg. D. 441-8822.

### The Turn of the Screw

Ross Valley Players' production of Ken Whitmore's play based on the Henry Miller novel about ghosts that haunt a governess and her two charges. \$10-12. 8pm. Thru 2/20. The Barn, Marin Art & Garden Center, 30 sir Francis Drake Blvd., Ross. 456-9555.

### Volpone

Berkeley Rep's production of this lusty Jacobean satire features John O'Keefe, Geoff Hoyle, Cintra Wilson and others. \$19-31. 8pm. Mats at 2pm. Thru 3/5. Berkeley Repertory Theatre, 2025 Addison St. at Shattuck, Berkeley. (510) 845-4700.

dozens of countries -- Tonga, India, Chile, Azerbaijan, Senegal, Cambodia -- a multicultural terpsichorean potpourri. \$2 donation per session. 5pm-10. Also Sat. & Sun. 9:30am-6pm. McKenna Theatre, SFS University, 1900 Holloway. 474-3922.

### Fellow Travelers' Performance Group

Three diverse interdisciplinary dance works: "Fractured Vision," "The Tourist," and "Bodie, The Golden Dream." \$10. 8:30pm. Also Sat. Dancers' Group, Footwork, 3221 22nd at Mission. 824-5044.

### A Hunger Artist & In the Penal Colony

Two Kafka one-act plays, performed by Open Egg Theatre, both strange and unusual. \$12. 8pm. Thru 2/14. Phoenix Theatre, 301 Eighth St. 621-4423.

### Laid at ATA

Brand spanking new videos, including Steve Hall's *Scouts Honor*, a porn comedy with a cast of blowup dolls. Also works by Adrian Roberts, Amy Balkin, Liz Canning and a bunch of others. \$3.50. 8:30pm. ATA, 992 Valencia at 21st. 824-3890.

### Husbands and Wives

Those wacky hets get tangled up in infidelity, of course. Playing themselves are the perverse Woody Allen and the eternal victim, Mia Farrow. \$5.50. Also Sat. Call for times. Red Vic Movie House, 1727 Haight. 668-3994.

## SATURDAY 30

### The Duchess of Malfi

ACT's production of John Webster's lurid play about passion and obsession, based on a real life crime in 18th-century Italy. \$10-36. 8pm. Wed. & Sat. 2pm. Sun. 3pm. Thru 3/14. Marines Memorial Theatre, 609 Sutter. 749-2ACT.

### The Promise

Aleksei Arbusov's popular Soviet play about a love triangle between three Leningrad youths at the end of Stalin's rule. \$6-12. 8pm. Thru 2/21. Bannan Place Theatre, 50 Bannan Place. 995-4617.

### Love & Hate

Scholarly erotic feminist artist Joanna Frueh performs "Mouthpiece," followed by a short interview with artist/art critic Christine Tamlyn. \$6. 8pm. The LAB Gallery, 1807 Divisadero. 346-4063.

### GAPA Fifth Anniversary Banquet & Celebration

What better way to celebrate the Year of the Cock than to join the Gay Asian Pacific Alliance in celebrating their fifth year? Lambda Legal Defense Fund's J. Craig Fong will speak, and entertainment, a raffle, and art gallery are included. \$50-\$60. 6pm. no-host bar. 7pm banquet. Miyako Hotel, 1625 Post St., Japantown. 282-GAPA.

### Angel Face & Christmas Holiday

Angel Face stars Robert Mitchum as a chauffeur with Jean Simmons as his mistress. They plot to kill her father in a classic of film noir psychological tension (7pm). In Christmas Holiday, it's no wonderful life as Gene Kelly and Deanna Durbin star as a distraught couple, the husband a violent virtual closet case with a mother obsession. Based on Somerset Maugham's novel (8:45pm). \$5. University Art Museum Pacific Film Archive, 2621 Durant Ave., Berkeley. (510) 642-1124.

### Ethnic Dance Festival

Open to the public, this massive three day audition will include 110 groups from

Can there be no other height of trash and glam than the Fourth Annual Miss Uranus Pageant? Who will be crowned? Who will be smashed? Who will suffer the slings and arrows of the Presentation, Interview and Talent segments at the hands of judges: Lewis of the late Club Uranus, *Bay Times*' Don Baird and former Miss Uranuses Ineda Bush (Justin Bond) and Miss Betty Pearl. Witness incomparable excesses of poor taste and hilarious camp with MCs Gregor Deborah Taylor and Jerome. Now that Miss Betty's performance is

Peter Stack hanging out at DNA Lounge in Stackula: The Unholy Clergy (Tue.)



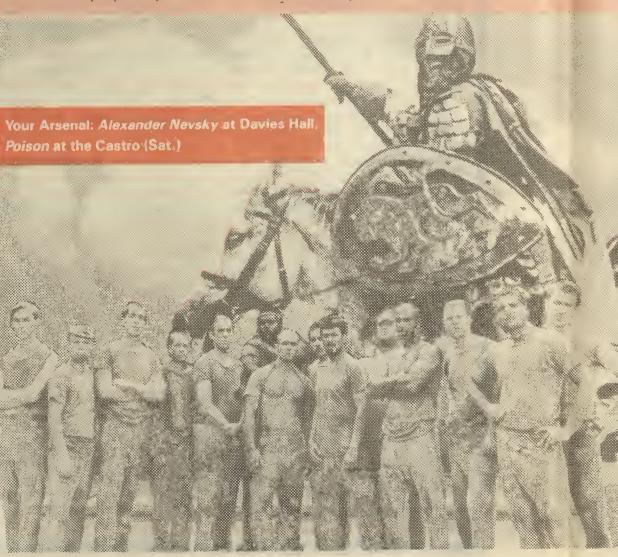
near legendary, perhaps the successful new reigning queen will outdo her antics! All deliciously offensive theatrics transpire at Product, 1015 Folsom. 10pm-6am. The contest may commence between midnight and two am, but don't set your disco nap alarm clocks by us! \$10. 431-2697.

For visual diversity, check out John Pence Gallery, where art takes on a life of its own in some realist yet classic styles, like Will Wilson's "The Dresser" (above). 23 other artists will also be represented in this most major exhibition, which includes American Masters and contemporary painters and sculptors. Thru March 6. John Pence Gallery, 750 Post St. 441-1138.

Consistently provocative, the works performed (and the sexy men's workshops) at 848 Community Space always leave one enlightened and delighted. This weekend, five young poets of color unleash the labors of their wordsmithing in *Bottom Line*. Included are Ricardo Bracho (recently read in *In Your Face*), Laurence A. Padua (Rockefeller Fellowship recipient), Andy Spielbennner (self-proclaimed "Vietnamese half-breed...whose body has been in too many clubs"), Laurens Van Sluytman (Guyanese poet and psychotherapist), and Marvin K. White, who deals in faggotry, blackness, maleness, heart, soul, head, family and communities. A promising line-up, to be sure. Jan. 29 & 30. 8:30pm. \$5-10. 848 Divisadero (at McAllister). 826-1337. Jack Davis' *Ritual/Glamour*, a collection of ritual garments, penis sculptures and altars, will also be on display in the space through February.

It's become the hottest issue of the season: queers in uniform. Hear a diversity of opinions as the National Lesbian & Gay Journalists Association sponsors a special panel, *Media Coverage of Gays in the Military: Too Much or Not Enough?* Speakers include Navy Petty Officer Keith Meinhold, Charles Wiley of Accuracy in Media, David Banks of the *San Jose Mercury News*, M.G. Perez of KGO-TV, Moderated by Kate Dyer, former aide to Gerry Studds. Tue. Feb. 2, 7:30pm. Palo Alto Cultural Center, 1313 Newell Rd. 905-4690.

If you've ever seen a classic silent film shown with live orchestration, you know how special it can be. While Sergei Eisenstein's magnificent *Alexander Nevsky* isn't silent, it does feature Serge Prokofiev's evocative orchestral and choral score, which will be performed live by the San Francisco Symphony, the San Francisco Chorus and conducted by David Zinman. The film is a new print struck from the original nitrate negatives in the Moscow film archives, with newly translated subtitles. \$21-60. Wed., Feb. 3-7, 8pm (2pm on Sun.). Davies Symphony Hall, Van Ness at Hayes. 431-5400.



**Over Our Heads**  
Comedy quartet Teresa Chandler, Karen Ripley, Marion Damon and Annie Larson do stand-up, improv and witty tunes. \$8. 8pm. New Conservatory Theatre, 25 Van Ness Ave. Also 1/30. 861-8972.

**This Is War**  
Connie Champagne's manic funny post-atomic cabaret, with accompanist Glen Kelly. \$10. 10pm. Josie's 16th & Market. 861-7933.

**Taking Shape Series**  
Women performers in a shared evening: Meagan Gannett's *Ready For Love*, Elise Guerrero's *Labyrinth de Sangre*, Pamela Walker's *Dragons in my Basement*, DeeAnn Weir's *Dreams of the Dismembered*. \$8-12. 8pm. Sun. 7pm. Thru 1/31. Brava! Studio Theatre, 2180 Bryant at 20th. 641-7657.

**A Snake in the Vein**  
Alan Bowne's blistering black comedy about two men in

**The Gay Rock 'n' Roll Years & Stand On Your Man**  
Susan Ardill's zany look at lesbian Country & Western fans, with performances by k.d. lang, Patsy Cline, & the Stetson Sisters. Rock 'n' Roll wildly zips through decades of queer and queer-esque culture and music, from Eartha Kitt to Tom Robinson, Boy George to Pet Shop Boys. \$4. 6:30 & 8:45pm. Eye Gallery, 1151 Mission (7th & 8th). 703-8650.

**Queen Kelly**  
Organist Jeff Weiller accompanies this silent classic about a convent girl sold into white slavery (!!) starring Gloria Swanson (this was the silent film used in *Sunset Boulevard*). \$5. 8pm. Paramount Theatre, 2025 Broadway, Oakland. (510) 645-6400.

**Poison & My Own Private Idaho**  
Todd Haynes' cinematic triptych of transgression glorified deviance and prison obsession, inspired by Genet and Van Sant's blunt, acerbic yet touching Portland hustler film with bits of *Henry IV*. Arty homo double header! *Poison*: 1, 4:45, 8:30. *Idaho*: 2:45, 6:30, 10:15, 11:30. Castro Theatre, Castro & Market. 621-6120.

**Gay Comedy Night**  
Marga Gomez, Doug Heisclaw, Maureen Brownsey \$8. 10pm. Josie's, 16th & Market. 861-7933.

**Asian Images then and now: Broken Blossoms, Immigration exhibit at the Transamerica Bldg. (both Mon.)**



## SUNDAY 31

**Njinga the Queen King:**  
A play with music and pageantry about a 17th-century African princess. A work-in-progress by lone and Pauline Oliveros. \$5. 4pm. Headlands Center for the Arts, 944 Fort Barry, Sausalito. 331-2787.

**Sarah Moon: Unlikeness**  
Highly personal and subjective photographs with rich tones. Tue-Sat. 11:50pm. Thru 2/27. Robert Koch Gallery, 49 Geary. 421-0122.

**The Nude**  
Group exhibition of photography and sculpture by Lance Keimig, Jude Lerner, Shray Todd & others. Thru 2/28. Azido Arts, 560 Hayes. 252-9001.

## MONDAY 1

**Flying Monkeys**  
Guitar-driven, pop-tinted band, with French & English-singing Clara Bellino, who says that "David Bowie was the only idol I'd ever had." Say no more. \$5. 8:30pm. Great American Music Hall, 859 O'Farrell. 885-0750.

**Broken Blossoms & Fury**  
Archival print of D.W. Griffith's 1919 film with Lillian Gish as a street wif who finds love for a Chinese immigrant, played with feminine grace by Richard Barthelmess, with live accompaniment (5pm). Fritz Lang's *Fury* derides mob

mentality with Spencer Tracy as a "dead" man supposed to have been killed by a lynch mob. Made after Lang fled Nazi Germany, it's also a frighteningly realistic portrayal of America. (7:30pm). \$5. University Art Museum/Pacific Film Archive, 2621 Durant Ave., Berkeley. (510) 642-1124.

**Images of American Immigration**  
Group exhibition of paintings and multi-media works by immigrants, and about the Ellis Island experience. Thru 2/4. Lobby Gallery, Transamerica Pyramid, 600 Montgomery St.

**Gay Comedy Open Mike**  
Emcee Suzy Berger, rookies sign up by phone. \$4. 8pm. Josie's, 16th & Market. 861-7933.

**The Tehuana:**  
Women of Pride and Presence Photo and text exhibit by Marisa Leibman of the legendary women of small Mexican town called *Tamazones* who reportedly can strangle a man with their bare hands. Mon-Sat. Thru 2/19. UC Extension Galleria, UC Extension Center, 56 Laguna. 861-6833.

**Muffy Davis**  
Outrageous dyke comic Lea DeLaria combines raucous humor with sultry jazz vocals. \$12. 8pm. Added 10pm show on Fri. Thru 2/21. Josie's, 16th & Market. 861-7933.

**Kronos Quartet**  
Major gig by the acclaimed musical group with different pieces each night. \$15-18. Call for times. Thru 2/7. Kimball's East, Emeryville. (510) 658-2555.

**Aunis and Paul Taylor's Company** B. \$25-200. 8:30pm. War Memorial Opera House 776-1999.

**Candida**  
George Bernard Shaw's classic play about a woman who must decide between two men, but ultimately chooses herself. Performed by the Aurora Theatre Company. \$12-18. 8pm. Sun. 2pm. Thru 2/28. Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant (btwn. Ellsworth & Dana). (510) 843-4822.

**Outside Blake's Window**  
Dance, theatre, music spectacle based on the formative events in poet/painter William Blake's life. Performed by Tandy Beal & Co. \$11-15. 8pm. Thru 2/14. Fort Mason's Cowell Theatre, Marina Blvd. at Buchanan. 441-5705.

**Counting the Ways & Talk To Me Like the Rain and Let Me Listen**  
Edward Albee and Tennessee Williams one-act plays, neither about gay themes, but well written nonetheless. Directed by Joseph Chaikin. \$5. 8:30pm Sun. 7pm. Thru 2/14. Magic Theatre's Southside Theatre, Fort Mason. Blvd. D. 441-8822.

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**THURSDAY 4**

**Three Postcards**  
Craig Lucas (*Longtime Companion* & *Prelude to a Kiss* author) and Craig Carnelia's witty "free form" musical consists of revealing conversations in a chic Manhattan restaurant between three women. \$15. 8pm. Sun. 2 & 7pm. Thru 2/28. Cable Car Theatre, 430 Mason St. 292-3218.

**Ballet Nuevo Mundo de Caracas**  
Called a "magnetic company of outstanding caliber," this South American dance company performs *Ojos Del Amazonas* (*Eyes of the Amazon*), about the destruction of the rain forest. \$12-50. 2/5 performance includes a benefit reception, with a drawing for a Seabourn Cruise to the Costa Rican rainforest. (\$125). Thru 2/7. San Jose Center for the Perf. Arts, 255 Almaden Blvd. (408) 998-2277.

**A Poster of the Cosmos**  
Craig Osterberg performs Lanford Wilson's one-man play about life, love and AIDS. \$7-10. 8:30pm. Thru 2/7. 1800 Square Feet, 719 Clementina. 255-8510.

**San Francisco Ballet**  
60th Anniversary Opening Night Gala includes the Grand Pas De Deux from Petipa's *Don Quixote*, Artistic Director Helgi Tomasson's *Little Waltz*, Balanchine's

**Cable Car Chorus** seeks a few good men for its barbershop harmony singing group. Performances every Wed. thru 2/17. 7:30pm. Christ Church Lutheran, 20th Ave. at Quintara. 377-0743.

**Volunteers needed for tours of Golden Gate Park**  
Learn more about the park in a seven-session training program. 750-5105.

**Community Organizing in Nicaragua and its Lessons for the U.S.** Sponsored by Esteli/SF Sister City Association Health Care Subcommittee. La Peña Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. (510) 428-2146.

**GAPA Community HIV Project** Collaborative study with UCSF to assess AIDS risk behavior in the Asian/Pacific Islander Community among gay/bisexual men. Stipend of \$40 given. 575-3932 Or 575-3939.

**Do You Have What it Takes to be a SexPert?** GAPA Community HIV Project seeks volunteers for educational outreach activities. 575-3939.

**Men Meeting Men Party** January 30, 7pm. Presented by Human Awareness Institute \$20. 239-7839.

**Coastside Social Group (Pacific-Half Moon Bay)** Gays, lesbians, family and friends. Call Laura: 359-0207 or Paul: 726-2838.

## This Week's Dinner Specials

**Grilled Chicken Breast** with rosemary-garlic marinade served over linguini with basil pesto and parmesan ..... 9.75

**Chicken Stroganoff** with marsala wine and mushrooms — served over fettuccini ..... 8.95

**Grilled Medallions of Beef Loin** with herb-pepper crust, served with fire-roasted vegetables, mashed potatoes & merlot gravy ..... 10.50

**Lunch Specials—Monday-Friday**  
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## Mr. Marcus

# \$1150 in Sore Butts And a New Ms. SF Leather

**L**eather Year 1993 got thick and heavy last week. The major leather title holders got "theirs," and their combined efforts raised almost \$2500 for the AIDS Emergency Fund and the IML, IMs.L, and IM Drummer travel funds in the process. That's a lot of shuttle buses to the airport for our tireless leather icons!

The Spanking Party by Mr. HQ. Art Tomaszewski on Tuesday, Jan. 19, was a resounding success. And I can tell you that quite a few people slept on their stomachs that night! A full house saw leather luminaries and others both voluntarily and involuntarily submit to the bidding of a dollar a whack to raise much-needed money for the AIDS Emergency Fund.

Emceed by Ms. HQ. Queen Cougar and Art himself, the maxim that title holders inevitably become "bottoms" to the community became a reality once again as SF Leather Daddy Irwin Kane and IML Lenny Broberg bared their buns and endured the indignity of being spanked onstage to "much delight" by the crowd. Yeah, Art and Queen "did" each other, too.

Afterward, it was Pink Ass City all over the place for a few days, I'll tell you! All in all, some \$1150 was raised for the AEF, a large part of that (\$400) garnered by the spanking of a lesser personality whose name is best left unprinted in this column. After the crowd gathered \$200, HQ. owner Larry Odhner matched that amount. The palm and

the strap then descended upon the unsuspecting victim, but that person's name will not appear here. Since they videotaped the whole thing, if you *must* know who it was, I suggest you hike on down there to see the video. Good show, Art.

Saturday night, Jan. 23, Lupe Rosenbaum bid adieu to the Sash Rash Group as the annual Ms. SF Leather Contest got underway at 174 King Street. There were only two contestants, and a big crowd cheered Ms. HQ. Queen Cougar and Ms. Watering Hole Leather Kelly enthusiastically throughout the evening. J.C. Collins emceed, and Dyke Daddy Skeeter, assisted by Jamie, fashioned a fantastic latex, leather, tubing, and gas mask extravaganza that had the crowd reeling! It was fantastic.

Aside from the volume of the music (some 5000 decibels too high!) and Sky Renfro appearing without a beard and wearing heels, earrings, and painted fingernails (gasp!), the event started on time and was over by 2230. First-rate and another feather in Audrey Joseph's cap. The new Ms. Leather of San Francisco is Queen Cougar — also Ms. HQ. Leather. La Queen will compete at IMs.L on March 20, even if she missed her first formal function/introduction last Sunday at the Eagle. The only Empress candidate who bothered to show up at the contest was Jackie. I do believe Ms. Jackie is quite clear on the concept.

Earlier Saturday evening, the SF GDIs celebrated their 19th anniversary on the Eagle



Queen Cougar was chosen Ms. Leather of San Francisco last Saturday night, Jan 23. She will compete for Int'l. Ms. Leather on March 20.

(Photo: Mr. Marcus)

patio. Lots of well-wishers on hand, and the new officers were introduced: President Walt Christon, VP Rosemary Thaker, Treasurer "Mr. Bill" Ireton, Road Captain Tony Larkins, Corresponding Secretary Jim Bliesner and Recording Secretary Mark Smith (a.k.a. Sally Vivacious). It wouldn't be a GDI function if there weren't a few drags in attendance! Lou Greene and Glenn Tomblin are the directors, and here's to the next 19 years!

Sunday, Jan. 24, another huge crowd converged on the patio of the Eagle for the soda/beer bust. It was a benefit for the travel funds of Int'l. Mr. Leather, Int'l. Ms. Leather and Int'l. Mr. Drummer. Great hamburgers, Lenny was cooking the meat, because, after all, "doesn't daddy always do the barbecuing?" The three split some \$1150, and the Int'l. Mr. Leather '92 poster signed by all 56 contestants and the seven judges garnered some \$150 for the AIDS Emergency Fund. We missed Leather Daddy, Leather Daddy's Boy and Misses HQ., Watering Hole and Pit.

### Dialing for Dish

If Meyer of Wolf's San Diego, Wolf's Palm Springs and Wolf's Long Beach thinks he's unique, the uniqueness didn't last long. It's getting so every time you turn around, there's another bar tycoon in our midst. You read it here first that the owner of the fabled country/western bar Charlie's ranks right up there.

Besides the Phoenix location, there's Charlie's in Denver, and he just opened Charlie's Chicago, a town that was really hurting for a C&W bar. It's located in the 400 block of West Ontario Street, not a shabby location at all! It couldn't have happened to a nicer man. And since Gary



Reed Morrow is Mr. February on the Eagle's 1994 Bare Chest Calendar, chosen over four other contestants last Thursday, Jan. 21. They'll pick Mr. March on Thursday, Feb. 4.

(Photo: Mr. Marcus)

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## Mr. Marcus

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Chichester, one of Chicago's movers and shakers, is on the payroll, what else could you expect but success!

Surely you all remember Mistress Kathy (Gage), the beautiful one who owns the Intl. Ms. Leather title and all rights thereto, don't you? Well, believe this Ms. Kathy is perfectly happy with her Karen in Salt Lake City these days. Picture her, if you will, shoveling snow off her roof, digging her car out of the white stuff, and going out on the town only on rare occasions. Married bliss. I love it!

How many contestants do you think will be vying for Mr. Leather of San Francisco this year? At the moment, the Eagle, Headquarters Bar, the Edge and the Watering Hole are for sure.

Will be there a Mr. Pit Leatherman III? Mr. Pendulum Leather? Mr. Detour Leather? Mr. Jackhammer Leather? If San Diego can have nine contestants, we should be able to match or exceed that. The big night is Saturday, April 3. No judges have been selected yet. Andrew Joseph will produce, of course!

The Watering Hole is first out of the gate. Their first heat was last night (Wednesday, Jan. 27) with two more heats to go (Feb. 3 and 10) — all at 2130. The three winners and runners-up (total of six) will compete for the \$300 cash on Feb. 19, and the winner will represent the Watering Hole at Mr. SF Leather. Apps available at the bar

now! The Eagle will have a competition every Thursday in March (4, 11 and 18), with the six semifinalists competing on March 25. Watch for more in coming issues.

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Here's what's shaking in the days ahead:

**Friday, Jan. 29:** If you find yourself in New England, especially Portsmouth, NH, drop in and see Intl. Mr. Leather Europe "AJ" host the premiere performance of his *Out of Bounds* SM and AIDS awareness show at Members Bar tonight to benefit Seacoast Response to AIDS. It will be the biggest event in New England this season.

**Saturday, Jan. 30:** Ms. Sacramento Valley Leather contest and fantasy show tonight at Joseph's T&C at 2100. Socialize and shop from 1900 during a leather-friendly interlude with lots of great items for sale. Thanks Carolina, you were very visible and well-received all throughout your year! Fantasies! Fun! Intrigue! Leather luminaries! Be there!

Don Thompson and Jimmy Lee Murray present *Buns R Us!* with the Great Buns calendar guys and Mr. and Ms. Intl. Cheeks & Chaps guesting for the \$5 beer/soda bust from 2000-2300. Benefits Godfather Service Fund.

Bondage Buddies begin their third year of fun and games tonight at 2100. For more info and location, call (415) 292-3228. Hi, Mark!

**Sunday, Jan. 31:** Besides being Super Bowl Day (Go



Dyke Daddy Skeeter Wildman was the centerpiece of the big production number at the Ms. SF Leather Contest last Saturday, Jan. 23. (Photo: Mr. Marcus)

Buffalo), the Lesbian/Gay Chorus hosts the Eagle beer/soda bust with song and food (by Flame) for only \$8. Always a fun time, and I sure hope they'll sing more than one or two tunes!

L/SM Roundup Bound by Serenity '93 mini-conference this afternoon at 1600 (\$5) — followed by a buffet and Aquarius party at 1900 for \$15. Phone (415) 764-2990 for reservations.

**Tuesday, Feb. 2:** Second heat, Mr. Hairy Chest contest at Headquarters tonight 2000-2300; \$6 for beer/soda, raffle ticket and fun with IML Lenny Broberg emceeing. Benefiting the AIDS Emergency Fund. Philip Turner never rests! One more (on

Feb. 9) before the finals on Feb. 16. Harry Lit will become a dowager, and we'll have a new fuzz butt!

**Wednesday, Feb. 3:** Second heat, Mr. Watering Hole Leather contest at 2130. Winner and runner-up compete for the title and \$300 cash prize at the finals on Feb. 19. Vern Stewart never rests either, does he, Lenny?

**Thursday, Feb. 4:** If you were disappointed last fall at Headquarters' celebration party, because their anniversary pins didn't arrive, tonight they will be distributed at the Full Moon party. While Nelson wasn't practicing hurdles somehow, they were delayed somehow. Is Nelson really going to go out for the hurdles competition at Gay Games IV?

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The new officers of the SF-GDI at their 19th Anniversary party last Saturday, Jan. 23: (l to r): Jim Bleisner, Sally Vivacious, "Mr. Bill" Ireton, Walt Christom, Rose Thaker, Lou Greene and Tony Larkins. (Photo: Mr. Marcus)

## Sweet Lips

# Campaign Time

Well, it is that time again — campaign time for Empress (four candidates) and Emperor (one candidate). If David Nyberg, the Bull, the candidate for emperor, gets elected, he just might be the handsomest one ever. You can meet David on Sunday, January 31, at 4 p.m. at the Polk Gulch Saloon for a shoot-out party with a special on schnapps. This sounds like fun.

Don't forget: Voting for the royal pair is on Saturday, February 13, from noon until 10 p.m. at Charge's Grill (131 Gough Street).

Yes, Jackie Reynolds is running for Empress again.



The lovely Greta Grass

She'll be having a party and show at Kimo's on Saturday, January 30, at 9 p.m.

Lily's will be having a soiree for Jackie at 7 p.m. on Thursday, February 4, with Greta Grass, Gladys Bumps, and Sweet Lips as Czarina hostesses. Mark this one down on your calendars!

On Sunday, February 7, from noon until 3 p.m., Gilmore's will be having a brunch for Jackie catered by Dennis Tyler and hosted by Sweet Lips and Marie — great food.

The Cinch's fourth anniversary party will be held Saturday and Sunday, February 6-7, from 3 p.m., with a lavish buffet by Dennis Tyler on both days. On Saturday, the Velcros and Gail Wilson will be performing, and on Sunday, the mariachis and the CQ Revue. Don't miss this party; Richard and Mario

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always do a great job.

Who is known as "Candy Butt"?

Dick Cook of Reflections is having a birthday on February 2, and of course, the Eternal Flame is another year older on February 5. Happy birthday to you both.

One of our favorite people, Lynn (Lucy) Bumpus, recently passed away in Portland, and the Swallow and Gilmore's

are taking donations in Lucy's name for Our House, the Portland hospice that was one of Lucy's favorite charities. We want to do something to honor him, so please give whatever you can. We will send a certified check to Our House. Lucy, you were loved by so many people, and thank you, Kelly, Lucy's roommate, for your kindness at the end.

The Polk Rendezvous is having a Reno Fun Train Trip on Friday, March 5, returning that Sunday. Book-

ings are limited, so contact David Kapp at 673-7934 ASAP.

Emperor Douglass and Empress Velveeta invite you to Coronation '93 on Saturday, February 20, and all the glittering events beforehand: February 17, the In Town Show at Lily's at 8 p.m.; February 18, the roast at 7 p.m. at the SF Eagle; February 19, the Out of Town Show at the Holiday Inn Civic Center at 8 p.m.; and

February 20, a Portland Brunch Party at Lily's at 11 a.m. with Sweet Lips hostessing and a Hawaiian Party at the same time at the Kokpit. Don't miss any of these events.

Well, this sounds like an interesting Coronation Week. Be sure to get your tickets early for the ball — and remember to vote! ▼



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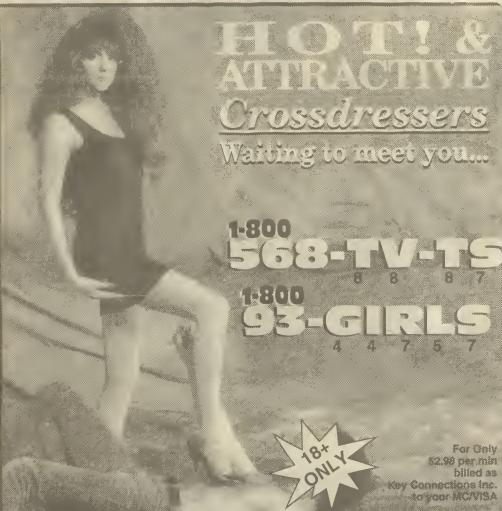
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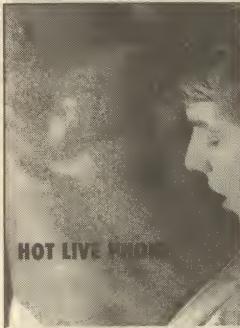
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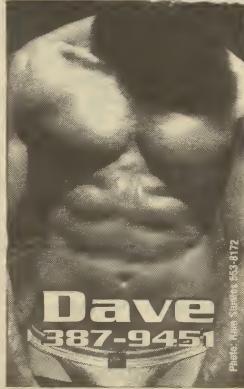
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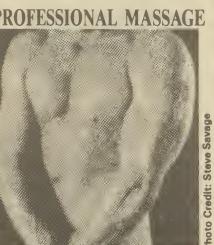


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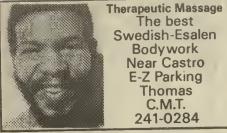
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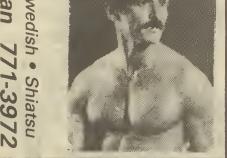
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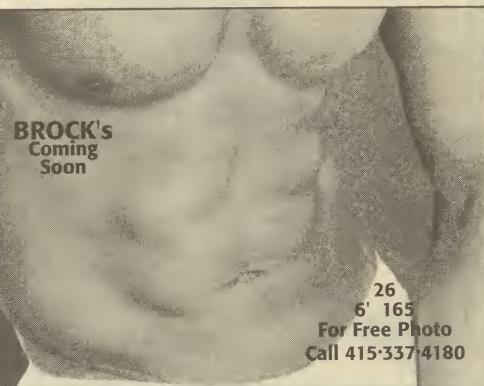
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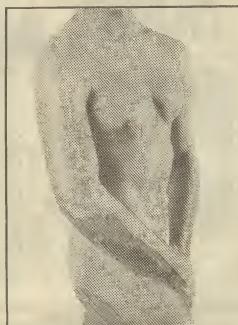
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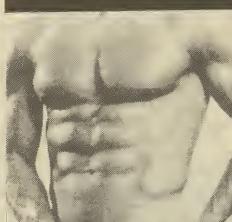
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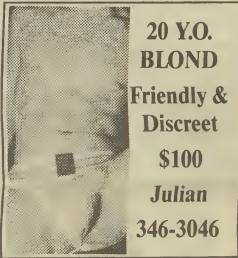
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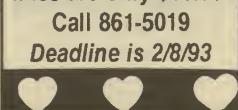
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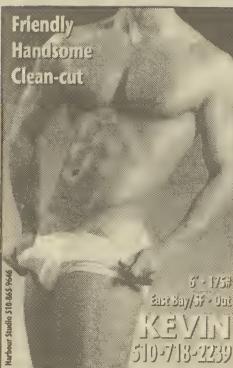
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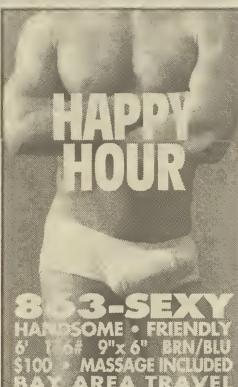
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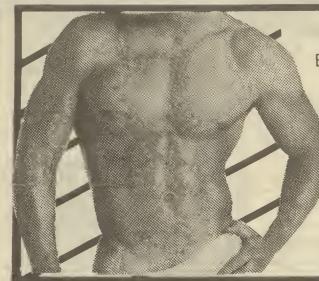
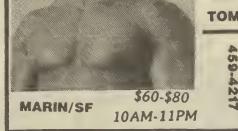
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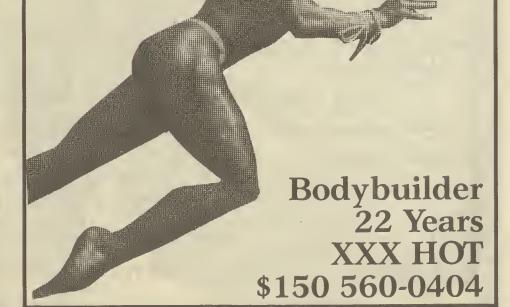
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